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			1907	1907		
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Reserve Fund	1,45,00,000	0	0	1,45,00,000	0	0
Public Deposits, &c	1,46,81,003	0	1	1,57,80,985	15	7
Other Deposits, &c.	13,36,63,947	3	1	13,13,39,335	10	0
Bank Post Bills, &c	9,28,718	10	10	17,21,072	5	0
Sundries	29,10,906	15	11	29,45,302	13	8
Rs	18,66,85,175	13	11	18,72,,6,696	14	0
ASSETS.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Government securities	1,07,55,845	0	0	1,07,53,287	0	0
Other authorised Investments	44,70,983	0	0	41,25,265	0	0
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities	4,32,46,757	6	11	4,40,49,484	11	2
Accounts of Credit on do	4,72,47,757	10	10	4,88,37,048	12	1
Bills discounted &c	3,55,07,538	6	1	3,45,85,945	6	7
Balances with other Banks	9,43,784	9	10	10,67,834	13	5
Bullions						
Dead Stock	18,27,041	5	0	18,39,008	6	6
Stamps	14,464	6	10	11,4 0	11	10
Sundries	7,06,397	10	7	7,04,507	3	6
	14,47,31,069	8	1	14,52,60,455	3	1
Cash &c., at Head Office	4,19,53,906	5	10	4,09,76,341	10	11
Do. at Branches						
Rs.	18,66,85,175	13	11	18,72,56,696	14	0

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	
Govt. Balance at Head Office	19,67,635	Increase
Do. at Branches	1,21,548	Do.
Other Deposits	23,44,6 2	Decrease
Post Bills	7,92,384	Increase
ASSETS.		
Bank's Investments	42,973	Decrease
Loans	8,02,727	Increase
Accounts of Credit	15,90,291	Do.
Mercantile Bills	9,2',393	Decrease
Cash at Head Office	18,53,831	Increase
Do. at Branches	28,90,795	Decrease

Percentage 24·82.

THE approximate statement of Traffic of the Barsi Light Railway Company, Limited, (48·00 miles open) for the week ending 15th December 1906, amounted to Rs. 7,247, being an increase of Rs. 3,879 on the corresponding week of last year. The total earning from 1st January to 15th December were Rs. 188,258, being a decrease of Rs. 23,288.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

London markets closed.

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	mutilated
Futures, month of Dec.	9·10—07
Do. month of March	9·43—/9

* Tones mutilated.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 48 hours ending 6 p.m. on 26th December.

Cotton	..	..	..	35,000 bales.
Wheat	..	..	..	11,142 cwts.
Linseed	..	..	..	2,757 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	..	..	..	527 do
Gingelly seed	..	..	..	58,3 6 do
Poppyseed	..	..	..	615 do
Groundnuts	..	..	..	2,803 do
Castorseed	..	..	..	1,46[illegible] do
Rice	..	..	..	9,563 do
Myrabollams	..	..	..	7,458 do
Cottonseed	..	..	..	32,902 do
Mowrawood	..	..	..	158 do
Grain	..	..	..	4,881 do
Joowar	..	..	..	7,821 do
Maize	..	..	..	220 do

BOMBAY, THURSDAY EVENING.

The only telegram received this morning was from New York, advising spot cotton unchanged, and futures 7 to 9 points lower, the decline being due to "bearish interior movement." All the other Home markets were closed.

Exchange opens quiet after the holidays. The local cotton market was quiet during the day and closes easier. Rupee Paper is steady at 95·2 for cash and 95·3 for the settlement.

SHARES.

Petits	Rs.	3,280
Davids	„	403 3/4

BOMBAY, DECEMBER 27TH 1906.

EXCHANGE.—Tone Steady.

Bank T. T.	...	...	...	... 1s. 4 5/32d.
Bank Demand	...	...	...	... 1s. 4 1/4.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A.				... 1s. 4 21/32.
Do. 6 do.	do.	...	...	... 1s. 4 13/16.
French Francs 3 m/s D A			...	173 3/4 174.
Marcks 3 do.	do.	...	...	140 1/4 140 1/2.
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight			...	162 1/2
Shanghai 30 do.	do.	...	...	222
Japan 30 do.	do.	...	...	148 1/4

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 p. c. Tone.

Cash	...	...	...	... 95·2
1st Settlement	...	...	...	... 95·3

MONEY MARKET.—Tone.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	18th	Oct.	6	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do.	13th	Dec.	9 do.
Bank of Bengal	do.	6th	do.	9 do.
Bank of Madras	do.	13th	do.	8 do.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine.	F-G	Goods.	Delivery.
Bengal, H.-G. (Ry. terms)	176	168	..	Ready.
	174	166	..	28 Jan.
Bengal, M.G. do.	181	172	..	Ready.
S. Punjab M G	170	170	..	Jan. 25
Comrawattee (descriptions) M-G	204	201	..	Ready.
Khandeish (M-G)	207	196	..	Jan. 25
	187	183	..	Ready.
Khangaum, (M-G) fair staple	186	181	..	Jan. 25,
Karanja (M-G) do	205	192	..	Ready
Akola (M-G) do	209	196	..	Jan 25,
Yeotmal (M.G.)	217	211	..	Ready
	215	209	..	Jan. 25,
Dhamangaum and Poolgaum M-G	213	207	..	Ready
	210	c04	..	Jan. 25,
Nagpur Kamptee (M-G)	217	..	235	Ready
Broach (M.G.)	252	279	..	25 Mar.
Muttia (M. G.	187	187	..	Ready.
	186	138	..	Jan 25,

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	Quiet but steady.
Estimated sales	8,000 bales.
Imports	68,000 „

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·38	5·38	5·37
—01	—01	—01
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.
5·37	5·39	5·40
—01	—04	—01
June-July.	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
5·41	5·41	5·36
—01	—01	—04

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 19th Dec. 1906, as compared with the statement of 22nd Dec. 1906 :—

LIABILITIES.	Dec. 15. Rs.	Dec. 22. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	92,00,000	92,00,000
Public Deposit at Head Office	49,69,117	46,2 ,277
Public Deposits at Branches	38,26,865	45,56,932
Other Deposits	799,27,,89	8,14,15,743
Post Bills	17,040	16,55[illegible]
Sundries	24,60,066	25,19,939
Rs.	11,04,00,177	11,23,28,445
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,36,23,839	1,35,99,661
Other authorised Securities	39,05,936	38,97,101
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	100,13,527	1,16,24,292
Loans do. do.	2,54,01,170	2,26,97,0 3
Bills discounted and purchased	2,52,74, 28	2,41,91,635
Dead Stock	2,45,107	2,45,530
Stamps and Stationery	2,528	4,506
Bullion	13,19,264	14,54,764
Balances with other Banks	16,38,193	20,32,176
Sundries	2,99,55)	3,03,845
Cash	2,85,79,150	3,20,67,805
	11,04,00,177	11,23,28,445

KARACAI FREIGHT MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 27.

Freights.—Our Market has been practically closed for the Christmas Holidays, but some engagements as detailed below have been made. Rates continue firm, and should the shipment of wheat become possible, we shall see higher rates of freight than those at present ruling. Engagements :—The Ellerman, the City and the Hall lines :—1,500 tons to London, in January, at 16s. 6d.; 1,500 tons, February, at 16s.; 2,000 tons to Birkenhead, February, at 15s. 6d.; 3,000 tons Marseilles, February, at 15s. 6d. Chagandass and Company, 1,100 tons to Antwerp at 17s

Charters.—None reported.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of Traffic earnings for week ending 16th December.

	Coaching Traffic.	Goods Traffic.	Sundry Receipts.	Total for the week
Approximate earnings for corresponding week ending 15th Dec. 1905—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
G I P Section	2,57 223	10,98,023	4,073	13,60 219
I M R system	66,732	2,31,338	1,121	2,99,111
A D C Ry	12,812	32,033	67	44,912
Total	2,36,787	13,61,393	6,161	17,04,241
Actuals for corresponding week ending 2nd Dec. 1905—				
G I P R Section	2 82 991	11 97,296	6,887	14 87 177
I M R system	81,00[illegible]	1,74,273	1,238	2 56,801
A D C Ry	12 860	12,857	18	25,649
Total	3 76,853	13,84,678	8,097	17,69,627
Increase (G I P R	— 25,768	— 99,376	— 1,914	—1,26,958
or I M R	— 14,949	+ 56,666	— 107	+ 49 310
Decrease (A D C Ry	— 48	+ 19,225	+ 68	+ 19,262

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Approximate return of traffic for week ended 3rd November, on 504·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total traffic for the week	Rs. 1,32,000	Rs. 1,70,000	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 2,79,000
Or per mile of Railway	275	337	8	553
For previous 17 weeks of half-year	21,06,963	23,99,506	67,572	43,37,754
Total for 18 weeks	22,45,963	25,69,506	67,572	46,16,754
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,32,371	1,86,490	1,191	3,20,052
Per mile of Ry. do.	262	370	2	635
Total to corresponding date do.	19,06,106	27,06,220	88,081	46,46,407

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Re. 1 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional lines. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

HAWKINS—December 19, at Chicacole, the wife of Sub-Conductor A G Hawkins, P. W. D., of a son.

HUTCHESON—December 14, at Bijnor, U. P., the wife of Captain G. Hutcheson, L. M. S., of a son.

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P. and O. s. s. "Oriental," with English mails of 14th instant, due to arrive at 1 p. m.

Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p. m. (B. T.)

Gaiety Theatre, New Bandmann Opera Company.

Skating Rink, Esplanade.

FAIR.—The annual Shri Bapdev Fair will be held in Shamset Street, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday next.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, China, and Japan per s.s. "Austria" will be closed at the General Post Office at 7·30 p.m. to-day.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Quilimane, Mozambique, Beria, and Delagoa Bay per s.s. "Somali" will be closed at the General Post Office at 3 p. m. to-morrow (29th instant). Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this steamer.

ENTERTAINMENT TO POOR CHILDREN.—Our two hundred poor European and Eurasian children were treated to an entertainment on Wednesday afternoon, on the ground in possession of Messrs. J. G. White and Co., where a shamiana was put up by Mr. Adamji Peerbhoy. The shamiana was gaily decorated with flowers and flags. Mrs. H. E. E. Proctor and Mrs. Sloane collected the children from Byculla, Tardeo, Grant Road and other parts of the town, where they were brought to the scene of the entertainment, where merry-go-rounds and other amusements were provided for. The youngsters were treated to Christmas cakes, sweets, tea, pastry, and fruits, and were presented with toys. The cake was supplied by Messrs. Mongini Brothers, the toys by European ladies in England and in India, the fruits by Mr. Mahomed Kosham and the flags by Mr. A. J. Hughes. Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Sloane are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.

A JUVENILE OFFENDER.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Taylor prosecuted Shaik Ali Shaik Sulieman, a Mahomedan lad, aged eighteen, for cheating his master Baba Isaak, a merchant, in respect of Rs. 1,500. The accused was a servant in the complainant's "pedi". He was entrusted with the work of bringing money to the "pedi" from home. On Monday last, the accused went to the complainant's daughter and demanded Rs. 1,500 of her, which he said the complainant wanted at the "pedi." The money asked for was given to him, with which the accused absconded. Subsequently a report was made to the police and the accused was arrested at Dadar. He pleaded guilty to the charge. His Worship, in dealing out the punishment of three months' rigorous imprisonment to the accused, had taken into consideration the tender age of the accused and the fact that this was his first offence.

THE BASSEIN FORT PILGRIMAGE.—On Sunday, the 30th instant, will take place the pilgrimage in honour of St. Gonsalo Garcia to the Bassein Fort. His Grace the Archbishop, Bishop of Damaun, will assist officially at the Solemn High Mass which will be at 11-30 A. M. There will be also Low Masses at every hour from 8 A. M., and the last Low mass will begin immediately after the sermon at the High Mass coram Pontifice. This year the ordinary trains being more convenient than last year, there will be no special and the B. B. & C. I. Company authorities will attach more carriages to the ordinary trains. The pilgrims, therefore, should guide themselves by referring to the ordinary Time Table for Sundays. Those who prefer to cross over from Bhyndar will find boat accommodation as usual on payment of 1/2 anna single fare. The Tonga drivers are prohibited from charging more than the usual fare 4 annas per head, from Bassein Road to the Fort. To return in the evening from Bassein Road Station there are three trains, viz., at 5-36, 6-3z and 8-6.

ENTERTAINMENT TO A. J. P.—On Saturday last the Members of the Daiwadnya Community assembled at the residence of Mr. Harischandra Pandurangji Pitale, J. P., Cowasji Patel Tank Road, at 6 p.m. under the presidency of Rao Saheb Nanabhai Moroba to present an address to Mr. Wamanrai Nana Moroba on his appointment this year as a J. P. There were also present Rao Bahadur Dhakji Kashinathjee, Rao Bahadur Narayen Trim uk Vaidya, Mr. Lukhamsi Nappu, Mr. Vaidya Solicitor, Mr. Manerikar, Mr. Masurkar, Mr. Kothare and others. The premises were illuminated, and the Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A string band was in attendance. The address, which was beautifully illuminated, was read by Mr. Harischandra Pandurangji Pitale, J. P., and was presented by the President after a few preliminary observations. The address referred to the services rendered by Mr. Wamanrao to the Community and to others and expressed thanks to Government for his nomination as a J. P. Mr. Wamanrao made a suitable reply and expressed his willingness to work for the Government and the people. Garlands and Pan-Gulab were distributed, and the company dispersed. In the night an evening entertainment was given in Mr. Wamanrao's honour at Bhagat's Bungalow, near Government House, Parel, and was followed on Sunday by a Dinner. The entire programme was a great success, for which credit is due to Mr. Harischandra Pandurangji Pitale J. P., Mr. Gajanan Sunderrao Vagal and the other members of the Entertainment Committee.

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THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE FACTORY INSPECTOR FROM ENGLAND.

The *Indian Spectator* writes ;—After all, the investigation into the conditions of factory labour in India is not entrusted to a single individual—the Factory Inspector sent out from England. Two Indian doctors are associated with him and the report is to be submitted by the whole Committee. If so, why should not a representative of the mill industry in India have been appointed on the Committee? It would have been fair to all parties concerned if a representative of the mill-owners, and also some gentlemen who might be regarded as a spokesman of the labourers, had been included in the Committee. As the report is to be submitted not exclusively by an Inspector from England, appointed at the instance of Lancashire manufacturers and workmen, we are not inclined to complain of his importation to advise the Government of India. The British standard of comforts is undoubtedly higher than the Indian standard. As Indian workmen must be credited with a desire to improve their lot as far as possible, the presence on the Committee of an English Factory Inspector might be cheerfully acquiesced in, porvided that all important interests were properly represented thereon,

IMPERIAL CUSTOMS SERVICE.

The Parsi observes:—The Government of India's reply to the representations made by the Bombay Presidency Association, some time ago, regarding the employment of natives in the Imperial Customs Service, though not very satisfactory, at least removes the misconception that the resolution of January last absolutely debarred the Indian subjects of His Majesty from employment in the new service. It will be remembered that, in forwarding their memorial, the Presidency Association had urged that the three probationers for posts not reserved for members of the Civil Service should be recruited in India, one by promotion from the subordinate service of the Customs Department and two by competitive examination of candidates of the prescribed qualifications who are statutory natives of India, or, in the alternative, that at least one should be recruited by competitive examination in India, one from England and the third by promotion from the subordinate service. Such an arrangement, if it had been acquiesced in by Government, would have secured two at least of the three posts for Indians. But the Government of India, in their reply, while contending that the resolution of January does not in any way prohibit the employment of

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THE CAPE TO CAIRO RAILWAY.

A SHORT and interesting history of the chief incidents in the carrying on to its present stage of the gigantic scheme of the Cape to Cairo Railway was given by Sir Lewis Michell in a paper read by him at the meeting of the Society of Arts, on December the 4th. The Colonial Section of that Society mustered strong, the hall overflowed with an attentive and interested audience, drawn thither by the double spell of the subject and the presidence in the chair of Lord Milner. It was an excellent idea to re-awaken public interest in a railway which many persons have either forgotten or have become accustomed to look upon as an enterprise to be carried out in due course without any further speculation. Of Mr. Rhodes' projected line of 6000 miles of varying levels between the Cape and Cairo, 1150 miles have been actually constructed, going south from Cairo, and 410 miles are projected, while from the Cape some 2000 miles of iron way ran north. The waters of Lakes Tanganyika and the Victoria Nyanza supply a further 1800 miles of easy transit, so that a comparatively short, if important, portion only remains to be completed. The lecturer held out the hope that some of his hearers "might live to see the land of the Pyramids and the Sphinx linked up with the Cape of Good Hope." In any other assembly this might seem to have been a case of hope long deferred, but most of those composing Sir Lewis Michell's audience were deep in the vale of years, and financiers, engineers and contractors responsible for the realization of this estimate will need to work hard to complete the line in the period suggested. It was a promising sign to find that Mr. Rhodes with his inspiring energy was not forgotten, but that his memory was fresh and green in the minds of those who are resolved to carry out some at least of his great dreams. The lecturer recalled the vigour with which, in the early eighties of the last century, Cecil Rhodes strove to convince the Home Government of the advantages to be derived from a linking up by a railway of the different districts that owned British rule. When he failed, as he sometimes did, to induce Prime Ministers to co-operate with him in great but daring schemes, he went on at his own risk and expense. Sir Lewis Michell's references to this unreadiness to meet the great Imperialist's views were sharp and keen, but not more so than the pregnant sentences in which Lord Milner spoke of "the enterprise, initiative and courage of individual Britons" who, unaided and even discouraged by Government, persevered in their efforts to extend the British sphere of influence and civilisation in Africa.

The extension of the railway from Kimberley to Vryburg was built by Mr. Rhodes when the timid Cape Government would have stopped at Kimberley. But when this extension in the very next year proved to be a financial success, the same Government was not too timid to exercise its expropriation rights and take over the line. Cecil Rhodes utilised the money thus set free in constructing the Mafeking section, but took care that this time his agreement did not contain an expropriation clause, with the result that this portion of the line is still the property of the Rhodesian railways. It was by a timely exercise of daring and discretion combined that Mr. Rhodes secured to Great Britain the entire territory of Southern Rhodesia. Had he not been the wideawake dreamer described by Sir Lewis Michell, President Kruger and Prince Bismarck would probably have anticipated his action in Matabeleland and Mashonaland in 1888. But these provinces once declared to be in the sphere of British influence, Mr. Rhodes lost no time in acquiring "by concession, purchase or otherwise" sundry land and mineral rights between the Zambesi and the Limpopo. He absorbed several companies formed to prospect or exploit, got the new province incorporated under a Royal Charter and then proceeded to administer it with enlightened statesmanship. Thenceforward, until his death he pursued his railway policy with a vigour that was only interrupted by the Transvaal raid and the Matabele rebellion of 1896. In the sphere which he administered, he secured through charter, preferential treatment for British produce and manufactures, and this new departure he accomplished, as Sir Lewis Michell reminded his hearers with the aid of Mr. Chamberlain, then Colonial Secretary. But great as was his influence and much as he had done to extend Imperial power in Africa, Mr. Rhodes could not wring from the Treasury the full meed of help he required to bring the railway to Tanganyika by the route he desired. Germany and Belgium now own wedges of territory that intervene and render necessary a different alignment from that direct one originally projected. However, the construction of the bridges over the Kufue river and at the Victoria Falls, the former the longest and the latter the highest in Africa prove that the impulse given to the great project by Mr. Rhodes has not died out, but is being carried out by competent men on imperial lines.

Sir Lewis Michell was careful to speak in moderate terms of the hopes, entertained by the board now responsible for the railway, in regard to the wealth of the country to be tapped by it and the prospect of a lively trade along the line and its already numerous feeders. But he spoke calmly of new mines that have been sampled, of rich teak forests that stand ready for the axe; the Wankie coalfields have long ago proved their value. White settlers are pouring on to the great plateau where towns have sprung up and industries can be engaged in by Europeans. Medical science in the School of Tropical Medicine is untiring in its efforts to circumvent the evils of malaria in Central Africa and has made much progress in that necessary direction. The products of the soil, vegetable and mineral, were the lecturer averred, being widely utilised from gold and diamonds to lead, zinc, copper, rubber and chrome-iron ore. This last Turkey alone has hitherto produced, and, as was remarked by one of the speakers in the discussion that followed the reading of the paper, it is well, when relations with the Sultan become strained, as they sometimes do, that England should have another source of supply for the chrome-iron ore which she needs in the hardening of the steel plates that cover British ironclads. Among the benefits to be expected from the Cape to Cairo Railway, the lecturer enumerated the extinction of the slave trade and the advance of Christianity and civilisation in Central Africa. The line has therefore a noble and lofty task to perform, but neither Sir Lewis Michell nor any of the speakers who followed him expressed any doubt as to its final success; while due tribute was paid to the great mind that had originated the daring project of an iron road of communication through the entire length of the Dark Continent.

FRENCH CONSULAR REFORMS. An important decree has just been passed by the President of the French Republic placing the Consular Service of that country under the dual control of the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Commerce. The French Government has for four years past done much to promote trade by the establishment of French Chambers of Commerce in foreign countries, by opening a commercial information Department in Paris and by the systematic collection and dissemination of commercial information of all kinds. From time to time the Foreign Minister has impressed upon the consuls and consular agents how imperative it is that they should give keen attention to the commercial side of their duties. In 1898, when the Office National was opened, it was decided to hold an annual examination for the Consular Service, the chief subjects for examination being diplomatic history, international law, political economy, commercial and political geography, and modern languages. Chambers of Commerce and industrial bodies in France have agitated for some time for certain modifications in the form of examination with a view to securing commercial men, and for the appointment of commercial attachés, specially charged with the duty of collecting commercial information, in various parts of the world. The commercial duties of the consuls have increased to such an extent, and international competition in the world's markets has become so keen, that it is held to be absolutely essential that something should be done to reform present conditions, so that the commercial duties may be more efficiently discharged and that French manufacturers may be kept so well informed that they may secure a fair share in the world's trade. It is for this reason that Mr. Clemenceau has decided that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce should be more closely allied and that a number of commercial attachés should be appointed. The Board of Trade at Home might well be granted similar control. As a result of the recommendation of the recent Committee on the Consular Service some good has been done in that the subjects for examination have been revised to embrace commercial knowledge. Mr. J. H. Joxall suggested that they should follow the examination with visits to various commercial undertakings. This however is hardly feasible and, moreover, it is not of much use to try to instruct the vice-consuls commercially after they have passed their examination. If they are to be good commercial consuls they must have acquired some knowledge of business before taking over the work. It would not serve a very useful purpose to allow a man of purely academic attainments, after having passed his consular examination, to roam over a few factories and then transport him to some distant port as a commercial expert; and the present system, under which consular officials when in this country are encouraged to visit the great centres of commerce and industry and confer with traders, is probably better.

NAVAL DISCIPLINE. The renewal of insubordination at Portsmouth confirms what we feared after it was known that the sentence on the ringleaders in the previous affair was reduced. It is, to our mind, lamentable that laymen should attempt to judge what is a purely question of Naval discipline. The tendency nowadays is to encourage the "sea-lawyer" in every way, whether he be soldier, sailor, labourer or anything else. It is always easy for the sea-lawyer to make out a very good case before anybody who does not know his character and was not present when the offence was committed. In this instance it will not be possible to prove that the man who coughed offensively did so for any other reason than to clear his throat, although it will be as clear as noonday to those who heard it. For this reason we have always heartily admired schoolboy discipline; not, be it remembered, the justice of one boy to another of equal age, but the discipline preserved by the seniors in a school in which a healthy tone prevails. There the sea-lawyer gets no chance at all, and excuses made by a notorious "skrimshanker" carry no weight, and punishment is swift. We sincerely trust that the old ladies of both sexes will keep out of the matter altogether, and we hope that violence, if there is any, will be met by an exemplary use of the "cat." It must not be forgotten, that stokers are different from bluejackets inasmuch as they are not caught young, but have to learn to conform to the necessarily severe naval discipline at once, without the gradual training that the bluejacket gets.

CHRISTMAS CASUALTIES. In our Christmas supplement we published an article referring to the calamities which have marked various Christmases. As a matter of fact it would behard to find a Yule-tide which be passed unmarred by some disaster. In the present instance the superstitious find justification of the old saying that troubles always come in threes. First of all came the news of the railway disaster in Dacca. A few hours later came the news of a disastrous blizzard in England and following it is news of another earthquake in South America, destroying half a town. It is seldom that England is visited by such a storm as that referred to in our English telegrams. For several years past skating has been almost unknown in England and mild winters have been the rule. Heavy gales in September did considerable damage in parts of England and caused severe floods, but the news that several persons have been frozen to death in Scotland points to a state of weather which is, happily, almost unknown in the British isles. There is but one ray of comfort to be found and that is in the intensity of the cold. Each appearance of frost brings its list of victims of insecure ice, but with cold such as that recorded this list should be considerably reduced. It is to be hoped the dislocation of railway traffic, consequent on the blizzard, will not be the cause of disasters such as have marred several former Christmastides.

RACIAL BITTERNESS IN AMERICA. There are two Mississippi cities in the United States, but we take it that the scene of the reported racial conflict is in the Southern States—at Mississippi, the capital of the county of that name. Friction is of constant occurrence—the result as is alleged by Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, of the teaching which led the negro to feel that he was the ward of the nation, a peculiar people, whom the nation had taken under its wing and would support and foster and that he could, by its fiat, be made the equal of the white and would, by its strong arm, be sustained as such. It is widely believed that this doctrine is at the root of the whole of the misfortunes of the negro race since the war. America gave the negro, illiterate and undisciplined, the franchise and infused into the body politic a whole race just emerging from slavery. They gave the negro self-government too soon, and ever recurring friction has been the consequence.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer "Riojun Maru" arrived at Hongkong yesterday.

His Excellency the Viceroy has become patron of the Calcutta Kennee Club.

His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda arrived in Calcutta yesterday morning.

THE Viceregal family are going as usual to-day to Barrackpore for the week-end.

THE Countess of Minto attended a fancy dress ball at the Women's Friendly Society yesterday at Calcutta.

The following gentlemen lunched at Government House, Calcutta, yesterday. Maharaj Dhiraj Byje Chand Mattab of Burdwan, and the Hon. Mr. Finney.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. Arabia with the homeward-mails of the 22nd instant arrived at Aden at 5-30 p. m. on Wednesday.

His Excellency the Viceroy will receive a State visit from the Maharaja of Mysore at 1 45 a. m. to-day and will return His Highness's visit at one p. m.

THE Florio and Rubattino Company's s. s. Balduino left Suez for Bombay on the 26th inst. Also this Company's s.s. "Capri" left Penang for Bombay yesterday.

THE Director-General of the Post Office of India will arrive in Madras on the 2nd proximo and leave again on the 4th evening on a tour of inspection for Tuticorin and other places in the South.

OWING to Major Glyn's illness from enteric fever, all communications connected with the Military Secretary's office should be addressed to Captain A. Duff, Aide-de Camp, Government House.

MR. H. S. WILDEBLOOD, superintending engineer, United Provinces, has been selected to succeed Mr. Stanley as Under-Secretary to the Government of India, in the P. W. D. when the latter goes on combined leave on the 24th of January next.

THE Basin Bridge Junction Station on the Madras Railway will be opened for traffic on 1st February, and from about that date the North-East line Mail trains will start from and arrive at the Central Station instead of Beach Station.

LIEUTENANT BARON VON DITTEN, the Norwegian Officer who was prosecuted by Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. in Rangoon for obtaining goods under false pretences, has been discharged by the Magistrate.

IN another column will be found details of the arrangements made for Postal service at the Amir's camp at Agra next month and we would draw special attention to the care that must be taken in giving the full address to facilitate delivery over so large an area as the camp will occupy.

DURING the week ending on Tuesday, three-hundred and twenty-three chests of opium were removed from warehouse in Bombay. Of these 313 were shipped to China and the remainder bought by the Opium Farmer at Surat, (3), Morvi (1), Godhra (2), Cambay (2), Rajkot (1/2) Dodka Mewas (1/2) and Pandu Mewas (1). During the week 120 chests were imported from Indore.

SIR HENRY KIMBER, M. P., Chairman of the South Indian Railway Co., will arrive in Colombo by the P. and O. s. s. Marmora on the 26th proximo. The object of his visit is to inspect the Railway and to confer with the Government in connection with some schemes for the provision of greater facilities for the working of the Railway in the interests of the travelling public, and for the extention of the Railway by the construction of a series of branch lines.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending December 25th was 675, giving a death-rate of 49·95 per annum per thousand as against 46·10 the corresponding period of last year, and 48·44 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 71 died from fevers; 10, plague; 1, small-pox; 3, cholera; 3, leprosy; 61, phthisis; 26, diseases of the nervous system; 203, affections of the respiratory organs; 42, diarrhœa; 16, dysentery; 23, stillborn; 99, old age and debility; 13, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 12; Brahmin, 25; Lingaet, 2; Bhattia, 4; Hindu of other caste, 318; Hindu low caste, 68; Mussalman, 166; Parsee, 23; Native Christian 18; Eurasian, 1; European, 4. The total number of births was 408 as against 536 the corresponding period of last year, and 391 the average over the past five years.

FOR some reason not yet discovered, the elephants in Rhodesia have, says the *County Gentleman*, a rooted objection to the mile pegs by the railway line. They pull them out of the ground with their trunks and cause considerable annoyance and trouble.

MEETING at Adderley, the Cheshire hounds came so close to the North Staffordshire hounds during the course of a long hunt that the followers of the latter got mixed up with the Cheshire field, and went with them to the finish of the run, which lasted an hour and twenty minutes.

IT is interesting to note that the first meeting with open doors of the Education Committee of the London County Council—referred to by the Chairman as "an historic occasion"—was attended by five members of the public, four men and one woman putting in an appearance in the Strangers' Gallery.

THE millionaire banker of New York, Jacob Schieff, has become a member of the Journeyman Stonemasons and Setters' Union of Greater New York. With uplifted hands the financier took pledge not to work for less than 70 cents an hour, and never to have anything to do with a non-union job.

THERE was such a crowd of reporters in the Court-house where the Caruso case was heard that room at the table could not be found for all of them. One ingenious Pressman got over the difficulty by placing his notebook on the back of Signor Caruso, and using him as a desk, followed the proceedings with the greatest calmness.

"HIGHWAYS and Byways in Berkshire" is the latest volume in this admirable Series. The author is Mr. J. E. Vincent, and the publishers are Messrs Macmillan and Co. The fascinations of Berkshire are innumerable, and the author has done full justice to them. He hails from North Wales, another lovely part of the United Kingdom and has seen wonderful and beautiful sights in every continent on the surface of the globe but still he writes with enthusiasm, as well he may of Berkshire, among whose numerous glories and pleasure the chief, perhaps, is its silent highway, the Thames, which for nearly 100 miles forms the upper boundary of the County. To add to the interest of the book, it contains numerous excellent illustrations by Mr. F. L. Griggs.

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

SWADESHISM, HONEST AND DISHONEST. LORD MINTO laid his finger on the one black spot which mars the Swadeshi movement, when he said, at the opening of the Industrial Exhibition in Calcutta, that for Swadeshism to be honest and true, it should be dissociated from political aspirations. He observed that there was no occasion or justification for confusing the two, and I may add that the confusion does not make for the advance of honest, healthy, Swadeshism, but that, on the contrary, it distracts the mind from the pursuit of the real object. As an industrial movement, it is not at all a matter of passion and prejudice; nor does it find in its best expression in froth and foam. It should be divorced completely from prattlers and politics, and entrusted to the care of practical men of business, such as I am glad to say we have on our side of India. The conduct of the Bengalees, who are raiding the shops of the vendors of British goods or intimidating persons using European articles, is silly in the extreme, and most unpatriotic withal, because it only injures a cause which all of us have at heart—a cause with which the Government are prepared heartily to sympathize. Swadeshism is only used as a handle for a venomous and vindictive crusade against the hated foreigner. In preaching the boycott propaganda, the zealots are making a futile attempt to bid defiance to the fundamental laws of human nature, as well as of political economy. "We cannot expect," the Viceroy quietly observed, "the Indian public for sentimental reasons to buy what is inferior and behind the times." No, it is not a question of sentiment, but of self-interest, a far stronger motive, and one of universal application. Goods can not be driven out of the market, because some extremely silly folk have chosen to pronounce their curse and ban upon them. Indeed, the sale of Manchester goods has rather advanced since the boycott craze.

Why do not the Bengalees look around and see what others are doing for the development of the resources and industries of the country? The jute mills at their very doors are owned by Europeans. The tea-planters are all Europeans. The leather and woolen factories of Cawnpore are again the fruit of European enterprise. The cotton mills of Bombay are worked by natives of Western India, who, moreover, have been engaged in various other minor enterprises. Instead of following in the footsteps of such men of business, the Baboo was lately engaged in a heated argument as to whether the roof of the exhibition building should not be made of Swadeshi thatching; and while he was wasting his wrath over the iron roof which the organisers placed over it, the actual work of collecting and arranging the exhibits was allowed to suffer delay! Swadeshism needs to be rescued from noisy demagogues, and the President of the Congress has a very hard task before him, that of compelling its exponents to keep within the limits of passable good sense.

MR. O'DONNELL'S ADVICE. WAS it Mr. C. J. O'Donnell, who was reported to have confidentially informed Baboo Bannerjee to continue the Partition Agitation with vigour, observing that "Morley will yet yield?" In another letter to his friend he seems in an indirect way to contradict this rumour when he says, "I wish to repeat publicly the advice I gave privately that the people of Bengal should accept partition." Any alternative solution aiming at reunion, he says distinctly, is outside practical politics, and some of the Anglo-Indian newspapers had greatly excited themselves over what they were pleased to describe as Mr. O'Donnell's incitement to sedition, and they severely chastised Radicals and Labourites of his way of thinking for coquetting with the enemies of the empire. They will now find that they had strung their homilies on a myth, unless, indeed, it were a fact that Mr. O'Donnell has turned his back altogether on his original advice. In his second letter Mr. O'Donnell recommends that India should send a strong political mission to England. He is not quite clear as to what the proposed deputation should do in England, or how it should proceed towards the fulfilment of its purpose. There is a provoking vagueness about his pronouncement "your cause is so just that I believe its justice would prevail." I have noticed that when one has no clear or definite notion of what he talks about, he generally shields himself behind the convenient word, "cause" I am not so hopeful as Mr. O'Donnell of the success of the mission. Deputations from India have gone before this to England, but I do not know if they have perceptibly advanced "the cause." Have they succeeded in bringing their burning words on behalf of poor and oppressed nationalities home to the great heart of the English people,—to adopt their own favourite style of eloquence? The attitude of the British nation towards Indian questions is that of kindly indifference when it is not one of absolute ignorance. They do not concern the British taxpayer, because, in the first place, they do not touch his pocket.

MR. THEODORE MORRISON. MAHOMEDANS in particular will rejoice over the nomination to the India Council of Mr. Theodore Morrison, late Principal of the Aligarh Institute, who naturally entertains a very kindly regard for this community. The appointment may shock our ideas of propriety and decorum. We have so long been accustomed to regard the India Council as sacred to antiquated Anglo-Indians that there is a feeling of resentment in some quarters at this attempt to poach upon their preserve that Mr. Morrison was a teacher carries with it no disqualification for the office, still less that he is not old enough for a seat by the side of his elders. It would be fairer criticism to say that Mr. Morrison has no practical knowledge or experience of Indian administration. But he is a man of ideas, and although they may be crude, immature and amateurish, they will serve to vivify the hoary nestors of the India Council by a conflict with their stereotyped conservatism. I am not in love with Mr. Morrison's nostrum of a province exclusively administered by native officials. The experiment is not desirable for various reasons, and in its result may prove dangerous to Indian aspirations. The appointment is not one to crow over. But as a departure from settled practice, it will be watched with a curiosity and interest, all its own. Mr. Morley has taken a rather a bold step in moving out of the old grooves, but I cannot be so bold myself as to hasten to congratulate him on the choice. Let us wait and watch.

THE SENATE AND THE STUDENT. THE Senate of the Bombay University has done well in rejecting the resolution to hang, draw and quarter, so to speak, a young graduate now in prison for forging a cheque. The circumstances of the case were touching. Here was a brilliant young student who had passed the Matric at 13 and graduated at 17, with a promising career and a bright future. Falling into evil ways while yet almost a boy, he succumbed to temptation, and is now suffering the punishment he deserves. He is not a hardened criminal nor drawn from the class of criminals; and therefore, the punishment which the law has inflicted upon him is but a part of the sufferings which his guilt has entailed upon him. The stigma of the jail which has branded him for life, the social degradation which awaits him, will be a punishment more terrible than imprisonment. On the top of it all, the cancellation of his degree by the Senate, as proposed by some of its members, would have been a cruel aggravation of his misery. Justice having made matters even with him, it was scarcely humane to have sought, like the barbarous Gaul, to put the sword into the scale, crying *Vae victis*! If any case deserved to be treated with kindness and love, it was this. The contrary course was best adapted to make him desperate, and the chance of saving him morally would have been want only thrown away. The Senators who voted for this course were moved, no doubt, by a sense of duty as exalted as that of Brutus. But this is not the spirit in which Johnson once carried a sorely-stricken daughter of sin across the street, and Dr. Johnson was a great and a stern moralist. This is not the spirit in which the Government have reduced in this case the sentence from seven years to one. Great is justice. But clemency, rightly exercised, is only greater, diviner, justice.

THE NAWAB OF DACCA'S CIRCULAR. THERE may be need for an All India Mahomedan Confederacy, as proposed by the Nawab of Dacca. A special organization for the promotion of sectarian interests is not without its uses. But the Nawab was not well-advised in taking it upon himself to lay down the principles which he considers necessary for its guidance. He would have the Mahomedans shun the Congress as an unclean thing, and become the bulwark of Government against the tendency of the Congress to subvert it. In his opinion, the Government, like the King, can do no wrong; and the Congress like the Fallen Angel, can do no right. His avowed antipathy to the Congress is, to say the least, bad tactics on his part. The gratuitous invitation to the hostility of what he himself bewails has grown into a potent body can do the budding Confederacy no good. The number of Mahomedan supporters of the Congress, though very small, is not to be despised, and the policy of antagonism may deprive the Confederacy of their help and co-operation, as well as create unnecessarily a split and a division which may tell upon its own strength and influence. We do not think so meanly of the Musalman friends of the Congress as to say with the Nawab that they have joined it for want of a more respectable association to find scope for their ability and ambition. Let a Mahomedan Association be formed by all means. There is a large field for one. But I cannot be sure of its long and successful career, if its directing spirit were to be a man like the Nawab of Dacca with his militant manifesto and his deficient political wisdom.

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KARACHI HOLIDAY-MAKING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 24.

Karachi in December may well be described as the Indian Riviera, and, moreover, the Riviera at its best, a clear sparkling atmosphere exhilarating as champagne to the inhaler who now feels himself slowly recovering from the debilitating effects of the monsoon. Every one seems to be slowly awakening to the fact that our winter is upon us and that now is the time to be up and doing; the talk is everywhere of sport, and in the Club and Gymkhana one hears snatches of conversation such as "We go by the 7 train to-morow, six guns in all, the shikari says the duck are in, so we can't possibly get less than 400 in the three days, even supposing the Lord is very merciful to the birds;" or again, "yes, only two of us went after all, but we managed to get thirty-five couple and I couldn't shoot a bit."

Moreover, for those who pin their faith on Terpsicorean joys, there was a most successful dance at the Gymkhana on Thursday last, when all the fair and brave assembled and met together in the giddy mazes of the waltz. There are also rumours of a big camping picnic to be given by one of the greater lights of that distinguished service, termed "Heaven born" by envious or lesser mortals, and have we not the annual Sind Club ball yet to look forward to, with all it joys and anticipations? At the station too, as the shades of nightfall in (Standard time) one may trace a faint resemblance to King's Cross departure platform in August, such is the hurrying and scurrying of sahebs and bearers with gun cases, cartridge-bags, rugs, fishing-rods and even dogs in leash, all betokening a desire to make the most of the few days at Christmas when the "dak" is not with us and the sound of the puttiwalls is *not* heard in the land.

To return to more news, the transport "Dongola" has come and gone, taking with her many who would fain have stayed had they dared, for who would wish to be landed at Southampton in the middle of January, with a sky the colour of pea-soup, and underfoot a slush such as only a wet winter in England can produce. In connection with the sailing of the "Dongola" a point worth mentioning is, that the Hotel accommodation in Karachi is totally inadequate to cope with the influx of visitors, due to the coming and going of the transports during this season, and in the case of military people joining the ship from the far North West, but for the kindness of the Captain of the "Dongola" who allowed them to embark before the official date, their plight would have been indeed a sorry one. Surely there is room for a little more enterprise than we possess here at present, and a hotel for the season would repay amply the outlay, even if the monsoon season required its reduction of staff. Most hill stations are run on these lines so why not here?

The "General Brackenbury" a large R.I.M. target towing launch has arrived here from Bombay for the use of the gunners at Manora, who are no doubt anxiously awaiting her arrival, to demonstrate the absolute impossibility of any enemy effecting an entrance into the harbour and without complete destruction. The telegraph steamer "Patrick Stewart" is also due here to-day a "fault" at the Manora end of the cable requiring her attention. About this time every year curiously enough a "fault" always does occur at the Karachi end.

As the moon waxes space so doth the time for "turtle turning" parties draw near and I hear of one being arranged at the Gymkhana, and under novel conditions too, as there are to be no chaperones included in the party. On the last occasion the "turtle-turning" met with success, but the attempt to remove the spoil, a fine old shellback of 400 lbs proved too much for the united efforts of the party and eventually the turtle was re-turned and returned to his natural element.

NOTES FROM KATHIAWAR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOT, DECEMBER 23.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

The sports of the 123rd Outram's Rifles, garrisoned here, took place on the 18th instant, and a very interesting as well as amusing programme was provided for the occasion. The sports proved very successful and were attended by the Agent to the Governor, the Raj Kumars and a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Fourteen events such as the following were on the programme:—Putting the shot; Recruit boys' Handicap; Bandsmen's Race Long jump; Tent pegging competition; 100 yards Race open; Signallers' Competition; Scouts' Competition; Marching Order Race; Section teams (1. N.C.O, 4 men); ½ mile Race open; obstacle Race under 2 years; N.C.O's Handicap ½ mile; Relay Race Coy. teams of 4 men; Stretcher Bearers Race; Bayonet Fighting Coy. teams (1. N. C. O. 6 men); 1 mile Race; Native Officers' Handicap; Hurdle Race; Obstacle Race; Hurdle Race open to the Police; Sack fighting Coy. teams; Blindfolded race; Kumars Race and Kismet Stakes open to recruits. Of these the most important were Tent pitching competition; the Signallers' competition; Scout's competition; marching order race; Bayonet Fighting; and these were rigorously contested, the men exhibiting both pluck and ability. The Regimental Band was present and did much to contribute to the success of the sports.

This Regiment was raised in 1820 and was formerly called the Dapuri Battalion and was in the Peshwa's service. It was last in Rajkot in 1894 when it was under the command of Lieut. Colonel Scallon, D.S.O., now Brigadier-General at Bangalore, and the Regiment is at present under the command of Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Delamain who is going on leave in March next, when Major A. Dennys will be in command of the regiment.

Under the Reorganization Scheme this shall be the last Regiment that shall be stationed in Kathiawar on garrison duty, since Kathiawar does not separately pay for the up-keep of a regiment as does Kutch. The Regiment will leave here for good next cold weather. Considering that it spends a lakh and a half of rupees every year locally, their departure would mean a decided loss to trade which is not ordinarily very brisk here. The Regiment leaves here next month for Chotila for winter manœuvres.

THE KALKA-SIMLA RAILWAY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 27.

The North-Western Railway is to take over the management of the Simla-Kalka Railway from the 1st of January and Mr. J.C. Mills, Deputy Manager, leaves Lahore at the end of this month to make arrangements. The North-Western Line, presumably, will have running powers over the Umballa Kalka Section of the East Indian Railway which separates its own main line from the Kalka-Simla Line.

THE WAR IN DAMARALAND.

HOPED-FOR TERMINATION.

Surrender of a Tribe.

GERMANY'S INTENTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

The Boudelzwart tribe have surrendered to the Germans in Damaraland and have given up their arms.

The Officials at Berlin hope the war is now nearly over.

Special interest attaches to the account given in the Reichstag on the 5th December by Herr von Lindequist, the Governor, of the state of affairs in German South-West Africa. He said, "Through the intervention of the Renish Missionary Society, between 14,000 and 16,000 Hereros have surrendered, so that great progress has been made with the pacification of the north. The Hereros are accustoming themselves well to the new situation, but as they are nomadic people difficulty will be experienced in persuading them definitely to take up a different occupation. For this reason it would perhaps be wiser to restore to them one-third of the cattle they formerly possessed, which would entail a cost of £2,000,000. As this would be too great a cost, efforts will be made, with the help of the missionaries, to train them to other work. Two large districts are to be reserved for them, where experiments will be made in order to ascertain whether they can earn their livelihood in other ways than by roving about with their herds. A hundred men have already been selected and a missionary and a doctor appointed to instruct them. Supervision will, however, be necessary, as the craving for liberty and the resumption of their old life and their tendency to steal are too powerful in the Herero blood. If they are not watched they will probably return to their previous savage state. How many Hereros have sought refuge among the Ovambos in the north cannot be ascertained. The Ovambos are well supplied with arms and ammunition. They are at present quiet, but all intercourse with them is cut off. The Ovambos are untrustworthy, but they will remain quiet as long as they are not interfered with. Danger from the north is always possible but at present we will leave them alone. Two stations will, however, have to be established in the Otavi territory on account of the mines. The north and the centre of the colony are thus quiet.

"In the south the Witbois and one captain, Isaac Witbol, have surrendered, and Morenga has fled over the frontier. There are 300 Hottentots in the field, the number being maintained by a constant flow of recruits. The provisioning of our troops entails enormous difficulties. If we had a railway to Keetmanshoop and were the English frontier not so near the war would long since have been concluded. I, as well as Colonel Deimling, the Commander of the Forces, am of opinion that even after the 1st April it will be necessary to maintain eight thousand men in the Protectorate."

Herr von Lindequist added in respect to the possibilities of the colony that the Otavi Mines could be worked profitably or the company would not have constructed an expensive railway 600 kilometres long. He was sceptical on the subject of gold. Coal, however, was found in large quantities and the quality was better as the north was approached. In many places also "ne and yellow ground, such as occurs at Kimberley, had been discovered. A syndicate had been formed to dig for diamonds, as one diamond had been found at Gibeon. All these enterprises could only flourish however, if a railway were constructed in the south.

He considered South-West Africa capable of feeding two million cattle, and there was excellent pasturage for sheep. Ostrich farming also promised to be successful. There was room for ten thousand large farms and for innumerable smaller settlements, and the demand for farms had increased. Nine hundred and seventy-one men of the forces had already expressed a desire to remain in the colony as farmers, artisans, etc. Vines, date palms, maize, and lucern all flourished there and he expressed a most hopeful view of the future possibilities of development in the colony.

[THROUGH REUTE'S AGENCY.]

COMMODORE GALLOWAY'S MEMORANDUM.

Diverse Criticism.

LONDON, DECEMBER 26

Commodore Galloway's memorandum is variously commented upon as a manly address, as a tactful appeal, and again as a semi-apology, and subversive of discipline.

THE NEGRO QUESTION IN AMERICA.

Fifteen Killed in a Riot.

TROOPS CALLED OUT.

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

A racial conflict has taken place in Mississippi in consequence of a dispute with the guard of a train, in which fifteen were killed, mostly Negroes.

Troops have been ordered to the scene of the disturbance.

THE AMERICAN AMBASSADORSHIP.

Resignation of Mr. Bryce.

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

Mr. Bryce has resigned his seat in the House of Commons.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALLERS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

The South Africans have beaten Monmouthshire by 17 to nil.

BLIZZARD IN ENGLAND.

Great Damage to Shipping.

SCOTSMEN FROZEN TO DEATH.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

A blizzard has swept the British Isles causing great disasters amongst shipping. The Ramsgate life-boat rescued twelve sailors who had been wrecked on the Goodwin Sands and were covered with ice when reached. Numerous ships were driven ashore.

Scotland suffered greatly and several persons were frozen to death.

Traffic of all sorts in various parts of the Provinces is absolutely paralysed.

ANOTHER AMERICAN EARTHQUAKE.

Half a Town Destroyed.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER, 27.

A telegram from Santiago states that half the town of Arica has been destroyed by an earthquake.

THE MOROCCO TROUBLE.

The Sultan Deposes Raisuli.

LONDON, DECEMBER 27.

Advices from Morocco state that Guebbas moves his army numbering 3,000 men to-day to the borders of Raisuli's tribe and reads to the local Chiefs a letter from the Sultan deposing Raisul from the government of Tangier districts and demands the tribesmen to submit to the Sultan.

DISORDER IN CUBA.

American Troops in Action.

LONDON, DECEMBER 27.

American troops are being employed for the first time since the occupation to repress disorders in Cuba.

Mr. Magoon has notified to Mr. Taft the unsettled conditions in certain parts of Cuba by pillaging by lawless bands.

A considerable reinforcement of the American garrison has now been ordered.

RUSSIA IN THE FAR EAST.

"Not a Negligible Quantity."

LONDON, DECEMBER 27.

The military correspondent, Mr. James, scouts the idea that Russia has become a negligible quantity and concludes from the estimate of the strength of her army in the Far East and Central Asia and her fresh expenditure on the Trans-Siberian Railway that Russia is better prepared for war than before. In view of the Anglo-Japanese alliance it is difficult to regard, without concern, the retention of a large Russian army on a permanent footing in the Far East.

M. Motono, Japanese Minister in Russia, has gone to Paris to spend Christmas and meanwhile the Conference in Russia is suspended.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

Prince as Candidate for the Reichstag.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

Prince Hohenlohe-Langenburg has offered to stand as a candidate for Gotha in the coming Reichstag elections. It is thought that he will probably be defeated by a Radical.

THE AMIR'S VISIT.

Arrangements for his Reception.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, DECEMBER 26.

Orders have been issued for all Political Officers, including Indian Attaches, to assemble at Peshawar on the 29th of December to proceed to Landi Kotal to meet the Amir. The Chief of the Staff of the Indian Khyber Rifles is to provide horses for the journey from Peshawar.

The Delhi contingent leaves on the morning of the 27th under Captain Drummond, Political Officer in charge of the Amir's Camp at Delhi, the charge of the Camp being assumed meanwhile by Assistant Commissioner Strickland.

Munshi Sahibdad Khan, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Delhi, is appointed by the local authorities as Assistant to Captain Drummond.

The following is the full list of the Amir's Indian Attaches :—

(1) Khan Bahadur Kazi Aziz ud-din Ahmed, Deputy Collector, United Provinces.
(2) Khan Bahadur Mir Shamo Shah, Political Officer to the Khan of Khelat.
(3) Khan Bahadur Fakir Sayed.
(4) Fakir Sayed Iftikar-ud-din, Assistant Commissioner, Punjab.
(5) Subadar Major Sardar Khan.
(6) Ressaldar Major Zabirulla Khan.
(7) Mian Mohamed Zaffar, Pathan Frontier Province.
(8) Khan Saheb Lieutenant Mohamed Akbar Khan of the Imperial Cadet Corps.
(9) Colonel Abdul Majid Khan, Foreign Secretary of the Patiala State,
(10) Lieutenant Umar Haqab Khan, C. I. E., of the 18th Tiwana Lancers.
(11) Moulvie Fakhruddin Ahmed.
(12) Munshi Shah Mohamed Khan.
(13) Khan Bahadur Moula Bux of the Political Department.

The following *Raises* are appointed Officers of the Entertainment Committee responsible for the Amir's messing arrangements during the tour :—

Manatib Ali of Ferozepore ; Mir Gholam Kadir of Montgomery ; Mir Gholam Haider of Peshawar ; Mirza Akbar Ali Khan of Delhi; Fakir Sayed Iftikhar-ud-din, Assistant Commissioner, Punjab.

The local authorities will concert by furnishing information as to the sources of supplies. Sayed Manatib Ali of Lahore has also been asked.

One of the Attaches is appointed Supervisor of the Committee.

TERRIFIC GALE AT MADRAS.

Great Damage to Shipping.

NO SIGNS OF ABATING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 27.

A heavy gale has been blowing at Madras since Tuesday. During the height of the storm last night the steamer Tara, from Rangoon, snapped her fore cable and drifted into another berth which was fortunately empty. The Pilot on duty went on board and while he was trying make the vessel fast she snapped her stern moorings.

Finally with the assistance of the Harbour Master she was made fast without any serious damage.

About twenty cargo boats and lighters have been smashed to pieces in the harbour and the gale shows no signs of moderating.

DEATH OF THE NAWAB OF MURSHIDABAD.

Embalmed for Burial at Kerbela.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

The Nawab of Murshidabad was buried with much ceremony, the procession starting within three hours of his death. His embalmed body will be carried to Kerbela, Arabia, for burial.

FREE PORT IN PERSIAN GULF.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, DECEMBER 26.

The Amir's latest ambition is said to be a free port in the Persian Gulf.

ENGLAND AND THE CONGRESS.

LONDON PRESS OPINIONS.

Benevolent Despotism or Self-Government.

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 27.

Commenting upon the proceedings of the Indian National Congress, the *Tribune* this morning states that Government by the British in India is mainly good, but even a better Government could not hope to resist the demand for self-government. It depends upon us whether self-government is extorted by a raw people with inexperienced leaders or conceded gradually to an educated nation and leaders trained as administrators.

The *Standard* states that the efforts to educate the native in self-government have hitherto met with little or no success. A benevolent despotism is by far the best for an Asiatic Empire composed of conflicting elements and races in every stage of civilization.

The *Daily News* says that by promoting education, facilitating admission to the Civil Service and providing a constitutional machinery so that the self-government agitation may become effective at the proper pressure, we must show our fellow citizens in India that self-government is not an event we dread but a triumphant result for which our work in India is undertaken.

The *Daily Chronicle* says the fact that the British idea that self-government is inapplicable to India is no reason why able natives should not immediately be given fuller access to high posts and the representative element in the Council be increased.

CALCUTTA PRESS OPINION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

The Indian Daily News says "we must confess deep disappointment in Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji's address."

The Statesman says it embodied the re-statement of Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji's well-known views with respect chiefly to the claim of the educated classes in this country for a larger measure of self-government.

The Bengalee says :—"We venture to say that the masterly address delivered by Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji as President of the Congress will rank as the political scripture of the people of India."

The *Englishman* says :—"Presently, or how soon it is impossible to say, we may find the people of India and the Government definitely ranged into hostile camps. That is why we do not welcome Mr. Naoroji's address. He came, it was believed, to check the extremists, whereas he has blessed them altogether."

The Agenda.

At to-day's sittings the following non contentious subjects will be taken up for consideration.

(1) To carry condolence to the bereaved families of the late Justice Budruddin Tayebji and Messrs. Ananda Mohan Bose and W. C. Bonnerjee.
(2) British Indians in the Transvaal.
(3) Separation of Judicial from Executive functions.
(4) Military Question.
(5) Question of Wark.

The subjects Committee will sit after the meeting and will draft Resolutions of contentious subjects.

DR. GOSH'S CONCLUDING WORDS.

Dr. Rashbihari Ghosh, who opened the proceedings of the Congress, concluding his speech, said:

Brother Delegates, allow me before I sit down to repeat my welcome and to express our sense of the honour you have done us by accepting our hospitality. You have no doubt heard a good deal of our internal dissensions which our enemies have artfully tried to inflame, but I can assure you that whatever may be our differences it does not affect the cordiality of our welcome to you, our friends and countrymen, who have manfully stood by us in our trials as brother should by brother to the discomfiture and confusion of those who have sought to set class against class, race against race, and religion against religion. The men have failed—they were bound to fail, because great but silent forces are at work which no earthly power, or I will not use the epithet which rises to my lips, but merely say—human cunning can arrest. A national life has commenced which is growing more and more vigorous every day, and this great assembly in which every province is represented is the best answer to those who still have the hardihood to assert that India is a mere geographical expression. It is said that our country is a mere medley of races, of religions and opposing interests, and that the only tie which binds the Mahratta and the Madrassi, the Sikh and the Bengalee, is that of common obedience to their rulers. But the same thing used to be said of Germany and Italy, but both have now become great and powerful nations. Whether the same good fortune will attend India has to be seen.

Dr. Gosh then passed on to Swadeshism and instanced the Industrial Exhibition now proceeding as an example of what Bengal could do. The speaker said it would, however, be idle to deny this. "I do not pretend to deny that a bitter and angry feeling is growing up in this country, but I deny that there is any sedition or disloyalty, though I am confident that if Lord Curzon's Lieutenant had been allowed to work his will in the Eastern province the ferment created by the partition would have reached a critical point. It would be idle to deny, and I do not pretend to deny, that the reactionary policy pursued by the late Viceroy has left behind it a burning sense of helplessness and humiliation and has driven some of my countrymen, as yet small in numbers, almost mad with indignation. They are generally speaking impulsive young men of whom I would say nothing harsher than that they seem to me to love their country not wisely but too well. But to charge them with open or covert disloyalty is to forget that mere academic discussion is not sedition, nor pious opinions a crime. I say pious opinions because no man out of Bedlam, and very few even inside it, regard such discussions as falling within the range of practical politics. And the notion that we want the English to clear out immediately, bag and baggage, is too absurd for any credulity of those whose conscience has made them cowards. Our critics should also remember that nations like individuals sometimes lose their heads and that the partition of Bengal is one of those maddening wrongs under which it is not possible for unhappy sufferers to show prudence and moderation. These qualities should rather be shown by those who have driven law-abiding people to the very verge of madness. Even the Bengalee cannot be expected always to hope all things, to believe all things, and to endure all things, but those who are used to cramp liberty, as the author of the Drapiers letters points out, have gone so far as to resent even the liberty of complaining although a man upon the rack was never known to be refused liberty of roaring as loud as he thought fit."

The Second Day's Proceedings.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONENT)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

The Congress pandal was again crowded with an enthusiastic audience. The doors opened at noon ; soon after, there was not even standing room, and the tram-cars were still delivering masses of people at the doors of the pandal. Speakers who introduced and supported the various resolutions were loudly cheered by the packed audience.

FIRST RESOLUTION.

The first resolution was proposed from the Chair and was as follows :—"The Congress desired to place on record its sense of the great loss the Congress and the country at large sustained at the death of Mr. W. C. Bonnerjee, Mr. Justice Buddruddin Tyabji and Mr. Ananda Mohan Bose. Their great public services and example, love of duty and self-sacrificing devotion entitle them to the lasting gratitude of the country." A copy of the foregoing will be forwarded to the families of the above-named deceased gentlemen.

THE SECOND RESOLUTION.

"This Congress, while noting with satisfaction the action of the Imperial Government in disallowing for the present the proposed Ordinance against British Indians in Transvaal desires to give expression to the grave apprehension that unless the Imperial Government in the countries extend its firm protection to the British Indian Community, the policy of the Ordinance is almost certain to be enforced as soon as arrangements under the recently granted Constitution are completed. The Congress also places on record its sense of deep regret and indignation that the people of this country should be subjected to the harassing and degrading restrictions and denied the ordinary rights of British citizenship in His Majesty's Colonies, and the Congress express its firm conviction that such policy is fraught with the serious danger to the best interests of the Empire."

Proposed by Mr. Sunder Nair, Madras; and seconded by Mr. H. A Wadia, Bombay, supported by Mr. Mudanjit of South Africa, Mr. Hyder Raza of Delhi and Mr. C. Y. Chintamani of Amraoti.

THIRD RESOLUTION.

RETRENCHMENT IN IMPERIAL EXPENDITURE.

"The Congress renews its protest against the excessive and alarming growth of the Military charges in recent years and undue preponderance in the public expenditure of the country. This Congress is of opinion that as the Military expenditure of the country is determined, not by its own military needs and requirements, but also by the exigencies of the British supremacy and British policy in the East, it is only fair that a reasonable share in such expenditure should be borne by the British Exchequer. This Congress strongly urges that by a substantial reduction of the Military expenditure and by a steady substitution of Indian for European agency in the Public Services funds should be set free to be devoted to the promotion of education in all branches, to improved sanitation and to relief of the ryot's burdens, such as a further reduction of the salt tax, reduction of land revenue demand of State, and measures for dealing with agricultural indebtedness."

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Saina of Bombay; seconded by Mr. G. A. Natesan on Madras; and supported by Mr. N. B. Ranade of Bombay.

FOURTH RESOLUTION.

"That in the opinion of the Congress the separation of the Judicial from the Executive functions which is admittedly necessary in the interests of good Government and sound judicial administration should no longer be deferred."

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair of Madras, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Ambricach Mazumdar of Bengal ; supported by Mr. Gocul Nath Misra U. P.; supported by Mr. A. C. Banerjee of Bengal ; upported by Mr. G. K. Gadgil of Poona; supported by Mr. Bishnupada Chatterjee, Bengal; supported by Mr. Nibaran Chandra Das Gupta, Bengal.

FIFTH RESOLUTION.

"Having regard to the general opinion amongst Mahomedans that the recent decisions of the Privy Council, against the validity of wakf-i-ala-aulad are against Mahomedan law, the Congress is of opinion that a Commission be appointed by Government to inquire whether the Privy Council has not erred in their decision, having regard to law usage and sentiments of the Mahomedan people, and if it be found that the decision is erroneous, this Congress urges, that steps should be taken to give legal effect to the right view."

Proposed by Khan Bahadur Moulvi Mahomed Yusuf of Behar; seconded by Mr. A. M. Jeena of Bombay, supported by Mr. Hafez Abdul Rahim of Bengal.

LETTERS FROM SYMPATHISERS.

DR. RUTHERFORD'S NOTABLE MESSAGE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

On opening the Congress to-day Mr. Surendra Nath Banerjee read a number of telegrams from all parts of the country wishing the Congress all success. Letters to the similar effect had been received from several members of Parliament ; among them from Dr. Rutherford who wrote : "Never say die is my message to India. Freedom was never won without sacrifice. I pray to God that the righteous sense of justice on our side shall never drive you on your side into paths of bloodshed." A sympathetic message had also been received from Indians in South Africa who also sent contributions amounting in all to over £60.

BURGLARY ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

At 10 o'clock on Christmas night the house of Mr. F. N. Jacob, Financial Agent, was broken into and cash, notes and jewellery of the value of Rs. 4,000 abstracted from the safe.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

Addresses by the Gaekwar and Mr. Thackersey.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

The Maharaja of Baroda delivers his inaugural address at the Indian Industrial Conference which opens in Calcutta on Saturday. The presidential address will be delivered by the Hon. Mr. V. D Thackersey.

THE HON'BLE MR. HARE AT CALCUTTA.

Guest at Government House.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

The Hon'ble Mr. Hare, the Lieutenant-Governor of Eastern Bengal and Assam, is staying with the Viceroy at Government House.

"THE GIRL BEHIND THE COUNTER."

THE Bandmann Opera Company last night presented "The Girl behind the Counter" to a full house. Not since the Company have been in Bombay, had the players acquitted themselves better than in this light story, and so even are the parts allotted to the principals that it it difficult to say which member of the Company shone brightest. Perhaps the palm went to Mr. Fred Ellis, who had an intensely mirth-provoking role, and, in the costume of Sir Walter Raleigh, burlesqued the favourite of Good Queen Bess in the most delightful fashion. Miss Doreen O'Connor, as a Greenaway Girl in a Victorian bonnet and a pretty green custume, was distractingly sweet and in excellent voice; and Miss Georgie Corlass was, of course clever, though her part was not so vivacious as that generally allotted her. Miss Constance Lait, the sweetheart of the piece, and Mr. Favelle as the lover were both very pleasing, and Mr. Johnny Osborne, who did not come on till the second act, made up for his absence in the first by causing peals of hearty laughter. The scenery was alarming, the songs dainty, and the whole presentation was quite up to the old Bandmann quality. To-night the "Belle of Mayfair" will be staged.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

MADAME PATTI'S FAREWELL

The Cost of Parliament.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 7.

Madame Patti's farewell to London at the Albert Hall has been the most picturesque event of this week.

The diva has given farewell concerts before but this was really her farewell, "my last message to my dear public" as she herself, after the thunders of applause had finally subsided, so aptly put it to a friend. In the days to come the unequalled voice that has made her queen of song for nearly half a century may again be heard but only in the cause of charity. The concert room will know her no more.

Patti's good-bye concert drew together a wonderful audience. Enthusiasts had journeyed to Albert Hall from distant parts of the country, and Saturday afternoon though it was, Society had mustered together in full force. In the King's Box was Princess Henry Battenburg with Princess Beatrice of Saxe Coburg, whom she has been taking out a great deal this season, and Prince Leopold of Battenberg. Princess Henry wore violet and sables and the pretty Princess Beatrice was garbed in grey and wore white fox. Other Royalties would have been present, but for the fact that the Queen's birthday was being celebrated by a family gathering at Sandringham.

Madame Patti herself wore a white gown, but the Orders presented to her by crowned heads glittered on her breast and she wore a big white hat with two long white feathers gracefully curling on to her shoulder. Again and again in response to the call of the cheering, handkerchief-waving multitude that filled the Albert Hall from floor to ceiling Mme. Patti came to the front : she sang song after song with "Comin' Through the Rye" and "Home Sweet Home," the latter as perhaps no singer but herself has ever sung it, as encores, until at last there came a moment when a further note was impossible, and Patti could only mutely smile and bow to the sea of faces.

MARY JANE'S CHARTER.

Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman will live in history as the champion of Mary Jane, for, if the Lords agree to the amendment sanctioned by the Premier in a notable speech the other night, the domestic servant will henceforth be entitled to the protection of the Workmen's Compensation Act. Both the Solicitor General and Mr. Gladstone the Home Secretary had stoutly opposed the idea that the Workmen's Compensation Act should be made to apply to domestic servants, when quite unexpectedly the Prime Minister intervened, rebuked his colleagues of the Cabinet and accepted the amendment which had, by the way, Lord Morpeth, the Unionist son of the Countess of Carlisle for its seconder.

The change contemplated is indeed a startling one. Mistresses are already filled with alarm. Every effort to reform domestic service and establish a standard rate of pay and hours has been met with the argument that it is impossible to interfere with the privacy of the home. But in the event of the Bill in its new form becoming law—and it is receiving the support of the Prime Minister, the uncrowned King of the British Empire—every home will be a factory !

Should a servant be permanently disabled from carrying on his or her means of livelihood the employer is liable to pay half wages for the rest of the servant's life. Should the new principle be established the rate of domestic insurance will be necessarily raised, though not largely, for, judging by the small number of accidents that now take place, the insurance companies should not find the businesss an expensive one.

The whole discussion has indeed produced more amusement than serious attention and cartoons picturing Sir Henry as a squire of dames—i.e. lodging house slaveys, for it was to the lower grade servant he particularly referred—abound to-day.

BARONET BEHIND THE BAR.

Not long ago a number of baronets formed a society for the protection of their order as a result of a tremendous outcry against the abuses of the baronetage. Nearly a hundred so-called baronets it was found would have great difficulty is substantiating their claim to their titles in the courts, although Burke, more tolerant, allowed them a place in the Baronetage. When therefore one day this week there was painted over the door of the Rose and Crown, a little wayside hostelry in Buckinghamshire the legend "Sir Henry Echlin, Bart., licensed to sell beer, wines and spirits to be consumed on and off the premises," the natural conclusion was that "Sir Henry" was the latest addition to the ranks of the bogus baronets. The baronet behind the bar was in this case, however, a real baronet, for the landlord of the Rose and Crown who has been serving out pewters of four ale and screws of shag to appreciative rustics for fourteen years has succeeded to the ancient baronetcy of the Echlins, on the death of his brother a few days ago. "Sir Enry" as the villagers now call him didn't even know that he was the heir to the title until he received the official intimation that he was the eighth baronet of the House of Echlin.

Sir Henry who is a well-built, handsome man of some sixty years was not at all overwhelmed by his new honours and he hasn't the slightest intention of giving up the Rose and Crown. On the contrary with the help of Lady Echlin a pleasant-faced buxom country woman he intends to continue the business, for the once vast estates of the Echlin family were dissipated by the third fourth, fifth and sixth baronets and the baronetcy is a barren heritage. Sir Henry has had a varied career. He began life as a footman, entered the Royal Irish Constabulary, left to join the 2nd Life Guards, deserted to join the Liverpool police, was re-instated in the 2nd Life Guards, where he served for twentyone years leaving the regiment a non-commissioned officer. After that he acted as a commissionaire, a prison warder and a private lunatic attendant and finally a publican. The curious are already flocking to the little Buckinghamshire village where a real live baronet may be found behind the bar.

COST OF A SEAT IN PARLIAMENT.

How much does it cost to be an M.P. ? is a question difficult to answer; for in these, as in other days it is the custom to subject all but the Labour M.P., to a continuous bleeding, a process by which he is made to support every institution and association in the constituency. Actual election expenses have however to be officially returned and these amount to no inconsiderable sum. The last General Election it seems, from a return just issued, cost the 1273 candidates who sought political fame £1,166,858-13-2 The variation between costs of votes in different parts of the country is extraordinary. The Member for the Romford Division of Essex has the distinction of holding the dearest seat in the House of Commons. He paid £3,840 for his return, but as he polled 1,534 votes, the cost of each vote was only 3s. 7d. One unsuccessful Labour candidate on the other hand ipaid 12s. 2d. for each of the 1484 votes cast for him. Mr. Chamberlain's votes cost only 2s. each but Mr. Austen Chamberlain had to pay 3s. 7d. Mr. Herbert Gladstone was economical, 1s. 6d votes serving to return him. Mr. Bryce the Chief Secretary for Ireland paid one penny less, and Mr. Keir Hardie, the leader of the Labour Party, found 1s. 3d a vote suffice.

NURSERY RHYME PARTIES.

There is a pretty and novel idea in children's parties this season. There has been a tendency of late to make a juvenile party merely a replica of a grown up party, and the poor little guests have in consequence often been bored to death. Fancy Dress parties at which children almost fear to breathe lest they should spoil their elaborate frocks are quite as bad. But the new fashion of party is delightfully simple and childlike. It is a nursery rhyme party. The dainty little invitation cards are headed "nursery rhymes" and the guests may choose any character from the storehouse of nursery rhymes, Red Riding Hood, Little Miss Muffet, Goody Two Shoes, Mother Goose, Bo-Peep—as the case may be. The little hostess in issuing the invitation mentions the character she has decided to impersonate ; "Mother Hubbard" for instance, "requests the pleasure etc," and no polite guest should appropriate that role. The dresses are quite simple and can be evolved with the aid of a nurse's clever fingers at home. A variation of the nursery rhyme party is the "fairy tale" party in which the guests take the role of heroines of nursery fiction, it being understood that the small hostess is the "Good Fairy" of the occasion

THE FIRST HUNT.

The Prince of Wales's sons are young to be brought up as thorough sportsmen. The two older boys are splendid horsemen to have been at home in the saddle from early childhood and can now take a five barred gate with the best of them. For a long time past Prince Edward in particular has been looking forward to his first hunt and under the training of the head keeper at Sandringham has been for the last year or more preparing for the great day. Several times they have ridden to the meet on their ponies but this week the young Princes in the full glory of Scarlet and Corduroy had their first run with the West Norfolk Hunt. Queen Alexandra has been promised their first brush by her grandsons.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO INDIA.

Judging from the numbers of fashionable folk who intend to winter in India, the season there, thanks doubtless to the forthcoming visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, will be particularly brilliant. The Duke and Duchess with Princess Patricia sail from Marseilles on Jan. 11th. Their itinerary has not yet been definitely decided upon but the trip to India will certainly include a visit to Bombay and Calcutta. Among the society people who have either sailed or will be sailing within the next few weeks are Lady Katharine Somerset, Lady Colvin, Lady Cunynghame, Dowager Lady Ashburton, Hon. G. V. and Miss Baring, Sir Charles and Lady Ollivant, Sir Hamilton Frere Smith and Admiral Knox. The Royal tour by the way is being adversely criticisly by the Labour press which hints very plained that the Duke of Connaught has taken rather many tours at the expense of the ratepayers.

IS A DUODECIMAL SYSTEM POSSIBLE ?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The question of the Metric System is very much in the air at the present time; and some of the opponents of its adoption in this country have raised the very curious objection that the Decimal System is inferior to the Duodecimal System. As there must be many who do not properly understand what the term "Duodecimal System" implies, a few explanatory remarks may not be out of place. It is fairly well understood, of course, that our present system of notation, or enumeration, has for its base the number ten. In this way a number such as fourteen is expressed by one ten and four units, or otherwise 14, the number thirty-six by three tens and six units, or otherwise 36; and so on. The system may be illustrated in a fairly simple manner by the case of a man who is taking in numbers of a publication, which are placed as he receives them in a certain shelf of his bookcase. As soon as he has taken in ten numbers, he ties them bound into one volume and placed on a higher shelf. When he has accumulated ten of these larger volumes, he has these, too, bound into a still larger volume, and placed on a third self, and so on. Each of the volumes on this third self, therefore, contains one hundred single numbers of his publication, and a glance at his book shelves enables him to see at once the complete number of single publications he has received. Thus, four volumes on the third shelf, six on the second, and nine on the lowest, would indicate 469 single numbers of the publication. If, now, the number twelve be taken as the base of our system of enumeration the number 14 will no longer denote one ten and four units, but one *twelve* and four units, that is, the present number sixteen. The number 36 would denote, not three tens and six units, but three *twelves* and six units, that is, the present number forty-two. Without finding further examples of this, it is at once clear that numbers above nine would no longer retain their old significance. We should not only have to learn their new meaning, it would be necessary, too, to forget the old. This is one degree worse than learning a new language. Now, since the number 10 would, in the new system, represent twelve, and 11 would represent thirteen our first duty would be to find two new digits to represent the numbers ten and eleven. In mathematical work these are generally denoted by the letters T and E. Equipped with these two new digits, we can now venture upon a new multiplication table, which may be taken as a specimen of what would have to be learned by those who are enthusiastic enough to take up the study :—

4 × 1 = 4
4 × 2 = 8
4 × 3 =10
4 × 4 =14
4 × 5 =18
4 × 6 =20
4 × 7 =24
4 × 8 =28
4 × 9 =30
4 × T =34
4 × E =38
4 × 10 =40 (*i.e.*, our present forty-eight).

The prospect of having to learn new multiplication tables, and to become familiar with the new significance of numbers is assuredly not an alluring one. Put briefly, that is exactly what we should have to do if the Duodecimal System were adopted; and it is certainly a little curious that those who object to the Metric System on the score of the inconvenience it would cause should recommend for our adoption a system which the people of this country could never learn. We should still, it is true, have seven days in the week, and but few would reconcile themselves to the idea that there are only ten months and 265 days in the year. On the other hand, the number thirteen would lose much of its fatal significance in the harmless guise of 11. Numbers that have hitherto been invariably connected with certain events would have to be ruthlessly torn from their environment. Would it be easy to realise that the number of Apostles was 10, or should we recognise the 119th Psalm in its new guise of the 9Eth ?

So, too, in the question of time. We should have to be satisfied with 50 seconds to the minute, 50 minutes to the hour, and 20 hours would form a complete day ; while the present 12. 15 train from Euston would start, if punctual, at 10. 13. Once more, it may be asked : Are we prepared for such a change ? we may wish that our primitive forefathers had adopted the number twelve as their base of notation ; we may look with longing eyes at a system that is certainly superior to our own ; but it is not for us, nor yet for our children. The Decimal System is ours, and we belong to the Decimal System : it is part of our life. It is not too much, however, to hope that our people may have the enterprise to adapt our system of weights and measures to the decimal base, so that in weights and measures and in enumeration there may be one language that all can understand.

T. P. P.

London, November 26th, 112T (Duodecimal style).

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

The Honourable Mr. Justice J. J. Heaton, I.C.S., Acting Judge of the High Court, to proceed into the Districts for a period of three months from the 15th January to inspect the District and Subordinate Courts, subject to the directions of the Honourable the Chief Justice and Judges.

Mr. E. M. Pratt, I. C. S., Acting Additional Judicial Commissioner of Sind, to act as a Judge with effect from the 15th January during the absence on deputation of the Honourable Mr. Justice J. J. Heaton, I. C. S., or pending further orders.

Captain A. H. E. Mosse, Third Grade Assistant Political Agent, is granted privilege leave for twenty-eight days from the 15th January.

Major J. K. Condon to be Assistant Political Agent, Palanpur.

Mr. Toshiro Fujita to be Consul for Japan at Bombay.

The Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier, and the Deputy Commissioner, Thar and Parkar, ceased to be *ex-officio* District Superintendents of Police of the respective districts, and the following appointments were made :—Mr. R. L. McCulloch to act as District Superintendent of Police, Upper Sind Frontier, from the 1st April to the 9th May and from the 10th August, pending further orders. Mr. S. F. Ellis to act as District Superintendent of Police, Upper Sind Frontier, from the 10th May to the 9th August. Mr. J. B. Jenkins to act as District Superintendent of Police, Thar and Parkar from the 1st April until relief by Mr. A. H. Gordon. Mr. A. H. Gordon to act as District Superintendent of Police, Thar and Parkar, from the 30th May pending further orders.

Captain G. Hutchison, 119th Infantry, to act as Cantonment Magistrate at Deesa, in addition to his Military duties, vice Captain M. T. Elderton, pending further orders. Captain Hutchison is also appointed, to be a Magistrate of the First Class within the limits of the Military Cantonment of Deesa.

Mr. T. J. B. Thatcher, on return from leave, to be District Superintendent of Police, Ahmedabad.

Mr. R. R. Boyd, on relief by Mr. Thatcher, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, Ahmedabad.

Mr. H. R. Hume, on return from leave, to be District Superintendent of Police, Satara.

Mr. G. S. Wilson, on relief by Mr. Hume, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, Ahmednagar.

Mr. W. H. Frail to be a member of the Board of Management of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay, vice Mr. S. J. Sarjant, resigned.

Major William Sutherland Karachi Artillery Volunteers, is transferred to the Supernumerary List.

PLAGUE RETURNS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

5,196 deaths from plague occurred in India during the week ending 22nd December. Of these 15 occurred in Madras, 430 in Bengal, 2,058 in the United Provinces, 2,336 in the Punjab, 63 in Mysore and 294 in Central India. The returns for Bombay Presidency, for Burma, for Central Provinces, for Rajputana, Kashmir and the North-West Frontier Provinces have not been received for the week under review.

HYDERABAD NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

HYDERABAD, DECCAN, DECEMBER 24.

THE WEATHER AND CROPS.

DURING last week the weather was abnormally cloudy with drizzling rain and blasts of cold wind. Fever and cough have prevailed. It is expected that this change will have a very serious effect on the standing crops, prices of grain and other food stuffs having already considerably advanced.

THE COPPER CURRENCY ("DUBS").

The exchange rate for "dubs" in the market continues in the same unsatisfactory condition. Since I last wrote on this subject, "dubs have gone down a shade lower—80 or 81 to the rupee, which has given room for complaint everywhere, especially amongst the poorer classes. To counteract the effect to a certain extent, the Financial Department has issued an order that the servants of the Government may be given the option of receiving a portion of their salaries—to the extent of 5 per cent. on the day they are paid—in coppe coinage at the standard rate. This will, no doubt, help the employes of the Government, but the general public remain the victims of an unstable currency, which is what requires attention.

THE NEW SCHOLARSHIPS.

In accordance with a *Firman* recently issued by His Highness, the announcement has been made that eight scholarships will be given in the month of January next —two for students going to England, one to Japan, one to America, and four to any of the Indian Universities: the amount of the scholarship will be £300 a year each for those going to England, £100 a year each for those going to America or Japan, and Rs. 50 a month each for those going to any of the Indian centres. The scholarships will be open only to students under 23 years of age, who are sons of subjects of His Highness the Nizam

and a half months, has returned and resumed charge of his office. He is at present in Hyderabad.

AN "AT HOME."

Mr. Syed Abbas Hussain, Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Customs, together with the officers and employés of the Customs Department in Hyderabad and Secunderabad, was "At Home" at his residence at Lingampalli on Sunday evening in honour of the confirmation of Nawab Muffaker Junge, Bahadur, in the office of Commissioner of Customs. Almost all the leading officials and other friends of the Nawab were present. The spacious grounds were elaborately got up and all arrangements were in excellent style and quite worthy of the occasion and the popularity of the host. The officers and employés were first photographed, with the Nawab in their centre, after which they and the guests adjourned to the refreshment pavilion, and after partaking of refreshments an address of congratulation was read by Moulvie Wallullah Saheb of the Customs Department, eulogising the Nawab on the excellent work he had done during his acting incumbency of the office. After this there was music and the company began to break up at 8 p.m., having passed a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Abbas Hussain is a well known figure here. He is a rising official in the service of the Government, being one of the batch of civilians who were sent out for training under the British Government. He belongs to a very respectable family, and is the son-in-law of Nawab Mahboob Yar Jung Nazim-ud-Danlah, Bahadur.

AN INTERESTING SUIT.

The execution proceedings in the decree matter of one Bogappa Naick against the Raja Saheb of Anagundi came on for hearing last Sunday before Moulvie Aziz Mirza Saheb, on the Original Side of the High Court. Mr. Moinudeen appeared for the decree-holder and Mr. Keshaw Row represented the Rajah Saheb. The facts are that one Joti Basappa filed a suit against the Ranee of Anagundi, for the payment of about Rs. 1,50,000, in the District Court of Lingsugur, the Samasthan being at the time under attachment by the Government. The suit was dismissed whereupon an application for revision was put in. In the meantime, one Bogappa Naick filed an application in the same court, contending that he had also a share in the value of the suit and that the plaintiff had transferred one-half of the claim in his favour. Both this application and the revision petition were fixed for hearing on the same day, when, the Ranee not being represented, an *ex-parte* decree was granted in the joint names of Bogappa and Basappa for the full amount. This was in 1295 Fasli, and no further steps having been taken by the Ranee in the matter, the decree became absolute. Subsequently (in 1301 Fasli) the Ranee adopted the present holder of the Samasthan, Rajah Srihenga Devarajulu, to whom the Samasthan was handed over by the Government. Bogappa Naick then instituted execution proceedings in the Revenue Department and the matter has been going on there for many years. Bogappa Naick being a British Indian subject—a native of the Ceded District—petitioned the Government of India for its intervention. He also received a portion of the decretal money; but subsequently, on the representation of the Rajah, the matter was transferred to the High Court for disposal about eight years ago, since when several hearings have taken place and the case was fixed for final disposal yesterday. It was argued on the side of the Rajah that the original decree was acquired fraudulently against the Ranee (personally-at) a time when she had no interest in the Samasthan, when it was in the hands of the Government, she receiving an allowance of only Rs. 150 a month; that the adoption was virtually on behalf of the late Rajah, in consideration of which alone the Government had restored the Samasthan; that the Samasthan was actually in the hands of the Government at the time of the suit, to which the Government was not added as a party; and that therefore the decree could not be binding on the Samasthan or the Rajah. This view was upheld by the learned judge, and the petition of Bogappa Naick was rejected after twenty years of fighting.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

A Memorandum issued on the indigo crop for 1906-7 says:—This year there has been a substantial increase of 18 per cent. in the total area which now amounts to 4,52,800 acres, but the expansion is confined to Madras. The estimated yield of the dye has improved 23,200 cwts. or nearly 50 per cent on the figures for 1904-5, the total expected output being 69,700 cwts., the largest since 1903-4.

Including Hyderabad the total area under rape and mustard, reported up to the present time, is 1,956,800 acres which marks an advance of 48 per cent. on the corresponding returns of last year. The condition and prospects of the crop generally is reported favourable, though much must depend on the winter rains.

In the linseed crop there is an advance of 7·8 per cent. on the corresponding returns of last year and in this case also the condition of the crop is favourable.

The Memorandum on the Indian wheat crop of the season for 1906—7 says:—The condition and prospects of the crop generally are reported to be good, though much depends on the winter rains. In some parts of the Punjab these are reported to be already wanted, but it is known that in the last few days there has been good rain in the important tracts of that province. In the Punjab, the crop is 6 per cent. in excess of the area returned last year. In the United Provinces there has been an increase of 8 per cent., in the Central Provinces by 5·8 per cent. and Bombay crop is progressing fairly well.

COTTON HYDERABAD.

Returns received up to date show that acreage under cotton during the current year is 3,480,143 acres, as against 2,536,610 acres during 1905-06 and 2,730,686 acres during 1904-05, representing increases of 37·20 and 27·44 per cent. over the two years respectively. The details of *kharif* and *rabi* and Government and non-Government areas shown in the subjoined statement—

	Kharif acres.	Rabi acres.	Government acres.	Non-Government acres.	Total area acres.
1904-05	2,003,375	727,3·1	2,24,.942	488,744	2,730,686
1905-06	1,804, 41	682,269	2,256,982	223,628	2,480,610
1906-07	2,818,675	661,268	3,001,.95	748,449	3,480,143

The Government area last year was shown to have been the highest on record, and this year it has further increased by 694,716 acres or 30·10 per cent. The non-Government area has almost recovered itself, which is due to prompt submission of *jagir* returns.

Compared with the *kharif* area of the two previous years there has been a very large increase, but the *rabi* area has fallen. This is attributed to the fact that following a year of partial scarcity the raiyats covered as much o. the *kharif* area as possible with cotton, in which a lucrative export-trade is carried on and the large excess of the *kharif* area also accounts for the shortage of the *rabi* area.

The season has been favourable and the crop is approximately estimated to yield about 4,30,000 bales. According to district reports, however, the estimated total yield amounts to 6·3,000 bales.

Last year's crop was estimated at 197,114 bales but it proved to be 302,845 bales of which—204,483 bales were exported, 25,138 bales consumed in the three local mills and 13,224 bales (being 5 per cent) estimated to have consumed domestically and by local weavers.

WHEAT IN THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE.

The total area sown with wheat up to the end o November 1906 is estimated at 1,018,900 acres, viz. 295,500 acres irrigated and 723,400 acres unirrigated as against 1,024,000 acres (irrigated 279,500 acres—unirrigated 745,100 acres) finally returned in 1905-06. There is a large decrease (102,600 acres) in the areas sown in Hazara, Peshawar and Kohat, and is due, in the case of the first named district, to heavy rainfall, of August and September, which greatly interfered with sowings, but in the latter two districts to deficient rainfall. The general prostration of the agricultural population by malarial fever at sowing time also contributed to the decrease. This decrease is almost all counterbalanced by the increase in the irrigated and unirrigated areas of Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan districts, due to timely and good rainfall and abundant flow of water from hill torrents and perennial streams.

If the winter rains fall before the middle of January next, further sowing will be made on unirrigated lands. The condition of the crop is generally promising, except in Kohat, where it is reported to be poor, but its ultimate success depends on the winter rains.

The sowings of the wheat crop began on the dates noted below, which have been reported to be normal in all the districts:—Hazara 15th September, Peshawar 1 October, Kohat 10th November on irrigated and 5th October on unirrigated. Bannu Early in November on irrigated and middle of October on unirrigated, Dera Ismail Khan 15th October, Tochi 10th October.

Taking the average of the five years ending 1904-05, the area under wheat in this Province represented 3·6 per cent. of the total area under wheat in British India. The ratio of irrigated wheat acreage (*a*) in British India and (*b*) in this Province in the same period averaged 26·2 per cent. and (*b*) 27·8 per cent. respectively.

In the North-West Frontier Province the ratio this year is 29 per cent.

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SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY THIRD EXTRA MEETING.

Horse Struck out.

Saturday, December 29.

The Mistletoe Plate.—Killen, Posco, Gun Metal, Freelance, Sir Galahad, Apology. Top weight not having accepted weights are raised 4lbs.

The Desert Plate.—Tachrect, Antica, Caravan. Top weight not having accepted weights are raised 3lbs.

The Coloba Plate.—Marvellous.

The Midget Plate.—Calcutta and Sabah.

The Sydney Plate.—Comeback.

LAHORE RACES.

First Day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 26.

The Arab Trials.—Rs 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arab ponies, 14-1 and under that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over. Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Distance—1,000 yards.

Mr Mulholland's Sarang 9st 8lbs.....Bingham 1
Capt Jackson's Mac 9st 8lbs.....Creak 2
Capt W. E. B. Smith's ch a g Life Line 11st 7lbs Owner 3

Also ran.—Suspender.

The Race.—Won easily by three lengths with half a length between the second and third. Time—1min. 5 1/5 secs.

The Totalizator paid Rs. 9.

Punjab Plate.—Rs. 500 to the winner, presented by the Calcutta Turf Club, with Rs. 200 to the second and Rs. 100 to the third from the fund. For maiden C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr Douglas' Agile 11st 5lbs .....Captain Campion 1
Major Popham's Young and Mr Brandreth's Happy-go-lucky 8st 6lbs.....Barrett 2
Mr Johnstone's Bobmajor 12st 3lbs.....Capt Johnston 3

Also ran.—Bruce, Delight, Begum, and Cherie Time—1min. 24 2/8 secs.

The Race—Won easily by two lengths with one length between the second and third.

Pony Hurdles.—Rs. 200 to the winner, 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For maiden Arab and C.-B ponies 14-1 and under, and other maiden ponies 14 hands and under. Distance—1¼ miles over 8 flights of hurdles.

Mr Sydney Smith's Shamrock 11st.....Furnell 1
Mr White's Ailsa Craig 11st 2
Mr Connop's K. C. 11st 3lbs.....Owner 3

Also ran.—Windsor, Bella and Rose-leaf. Time—3 mins. 9 3/5 secs.

The Totalizator paid Rs. 14.

The Race.—Won by three lengths with a bad third.

Desert Plate.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For Arab ponies 14-1 and under that have never won flat races of the value of Rs. 50 or over, amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 2,000 or over, since 1st April 1904. Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Distance—5 furlongs.

Capt Winter's Whirlwind 8st 9lbs.....Owner 1
Mr Sydney Smith's Palmy Days 8st 6lbs.....Furnell 2
H. H. the Kour Sahib of Patiala's Mooslat 9st 11lb Barrett 3

Also ran:—Little Red Rat, Gray Friar, High Flag, Paladin and Moonib Pasha.

The Race.—Won by a head with half a length between the second and third. Time—1min, 11 3-5secs.

The Totalizator paid Rs. 6.

Merchants' Cup.—A Cup, value Rs. 250, and Rs. 500 in cash, presented by the Tradesmen of Lahore, to which will be added from the fund Rs. 800. The Cup and Rs. 1,000 to the winner, Rs. 200 to the second, and Rs. 100 to the third. A high weight handicap for maiden English and Australasian ponies 14-1 and under. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mr William's Chatterbank 9st 4lbs.....Campion 1
Capt Toogood's Maranta 8st.....Capt Winter 2
Mr Norton's 10st 4lbs.....Capt Johnson 3

Also ran:—Blackspot, Sago, Glanlea and May Queen.

The Race.—Won by three quarters of a length with one and half lengths between the second and third. Time—1min. 22½secs.

The Totalizator paid Rs. 21.

Miaa Mir Plate.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For maiden Arab ponies 14-1 and under, unconditionally the property of Officers of His Majesty's Services on full pay. Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Distance—6 furlongs.

Major Popham Young's Surkhab 10st 6lbs....Barrett 1
Capt Howard's Promise 10st 6lbs .....Furnell 2
Capt Hill's Cinque Ports 10st 13lbs...Capt Johnston 3

Also ran.—Hail-fellow, March, Wily Mac and Harmony. The third horse was one length behind. Time—1m. 27 secs.

The Race.—Surkhab and Promise ran dead heat,

Novice Plate.—Rs. 200 to the winner, Rs. 100 to the second, and Rs. 50 to the third. For C.-B. ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a flat race value Rs. 50 or over. Ponies 14-1 to carry 11st 7lbs. W. I. Distance—½ mile.

Sirdar Jiwan Singh's Grey Chieftain 10st 9lbs..Barrett 1
H. H. the Kour Sahib of Patiala's Nuggett 10st 3lbs .....Furnell 2
Mr Douglas' Artful 9st 8lbs .....Campion 3

Also ran.—Plasmon, Reflection, and Lady Virginia.

Won easily.

At the finish of the Desert Plate Magnificent and Furnell was showing to great advantage after the winner had the race in hand.

CRICKET IN CALCUTTA.

BOMBAY *vs.* BEHAR WANDERERS,

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDNT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

At the Eden Gardens a two-day match between these two teams was commenced to-day and at length Bombay who were batting lost six wickets for 155. Scores:—

BOMBAY.

Capt Greig, c Sharling, b Brett	24
Mr J O Airy, c Gordon, b Hudson	67
Capt Butter, c Lace, b Wardsham	19
Capt Trudinell, Pickford, b Warsham	4
Mr A R Elliott, c Lace, b Warsham	13
Mr P Beaumont, b Hudson	4
Mr P ... Sandison, not out	5
Mr F F Cramp, not out	6
Extra	1
Total	155

INDIAN CHAMPIONSHIP POLO

12th Royal Lancers vs. Calcutta Polo Club.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

There are only four teams playing for the Indian Polo Association Championship tournament which opened to-day in the presence of a very large assembly of Calcutta society. The Viceroy was present with his daughters and little son. The game this afternoon was between the 12th Royal Lancers' team, composed of Messrs. Badger, S. Wood, Captain Milman, Major Hobson (back,) and the Calcutta Polo Club Z team comprising Messrs. H. Tomkinson, C. Graham, J. D. Scott and Captain Barrett (back). The umpires were Colonel Forbes and Captain Learmouth.

The Calcutta Club at once got upper hand of their adversaries and quickly scored two goals, and after the first chukker there was even uneventful play, till in the third and following bouts the Lancers, playing up well together, put a different aspect on the game, and at the close of the sixth chukker had a clear margin, in their favour when Calcutta again put on spurt and after a hot struggle in the last chukker when there was a deal of hard hitting and galloping. The state of score made the game one of intense interest for the spectators and just on the close the Lancers were just ahead by one subsidiary and were able to confine their play free of their flags till the call of time which left the Lancers winners by five goals and two subsidiaries to Calcutta's five goals and one subsidiary, after one of the closest games ever witnessed on the Calcutta ground.

PAPER CHASE AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 27.

The usual Christmas Paper Chase with a finish opposite the Grand Standon the Tollygunge steeplechase course, took place yesterday, 26th. There was a nasty looking fall at the sixth wall but the rider got up unhurt and Mrs. Patterson's horse unfortunately slipped up on the road but without any ill-effects to the horse or the rider. The final order was as follows:—

1 Mr. Evers on Cain;
2 Mr. Ballantyne on Fairy;
3 Mr. Kees on Turk;
4 Mr. Halliday on Kuddigore;
5 Mr. Pritchard on Young Poetess;
6 Mr. Antram on Myrene, followed by Mrs Collin on "Kildare," Mr. Rowley Hudson, Mr. H. Hudson, Captain Harrison, Mr. Pearson, Miss Lukis, Captain Learmouth, Mrs. Paris, Mr. Pugh; Mrs Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Mayes, Mrs. Morgan Captain Holden and the rest.

A Pony chase followed three quarters of an hour later and after various vicissitudes the final order was:—

1 Mr. Evers on Minstrel Boy;
2 Mr. St. Kes on Irish Boy;
3 Mr. Bell Irving on Samab;
4 Mr. Robertson on Brown;
5 Mr. Ritson on Geebung,
6 Mr. Barrow on Punch, followed by Mr Haddow, Mr Stranger, Mr. Thomas on "Warrigal," Mrs. Paris, Captain Rennie on "Bellis" and others.

GOLF IN CALCUTTA.

The Amateur Championship of India.

THE competition for this annual event which commences on the 29th instant possesses unusual interest this year on account of the large number of entries which constitutes a record since the initiation of the competition in 1893. The Tolly gunge Club as usual have kindly placed their admirable 18-hole course entirely at the disposal of the Calcutta Golf Club for the purposes of this event, and Mr. Podd, the hard working Honorary Secretary of that Club, is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts to make this competition a representative meeting of golfers from all parts of India and the East. The total number of entries received to date is 50 and includes amongst the visitors the following well-known golfers who have played here before:—Lieutenant C. Campbell of Lebong (Holder) and B. Collins (winner in 1904), also Messrs. Beavis and Hutchinson (Assam), Colonel Crawley (Chakrata) and C. G. Newton (Bangalore).

The Club also welcomes the following new competitors from other parts:—Angus B. Crole (Showrs), Robert McLau, A. R. Macallan (Meerut, A. Brebner (Dacca), Captain Armstrong (Indore), C. S. Mackenzie (Narayangunge), Major Tancred (Roorkee), C. E. Stevenson and C. B. Elliott (Colombo), Lieutenant J. Inglis (Dinapore), D. C. Seroggie, G. J. Rainy, J. Young and Harold Thompson (Bareilly), J. K McLeod (H. M. S. Hermes) and Alex Cormack of Edinburgh University.

It may be mentioned that Mr. M. Allan is a scratch player at St. Andrews and Mr. Cormack plus 2 in Edinburgh golfing centres, Mr. Scroggie who also comes with a great reputation. Amongst Calcutta golfers the best known name entered are Messrs Drimmie and Mitchel Innes, both of whom have held the proud title of champion here, while T. Mackenzie and Bruce Sinclair were in the final stages last year. Also may be mentioned Messrs. Townend, Lamb and Melrose (formerly Colombo champion), H. C. Begg, and Pym and Geo. Walker, all of whom have played in this competition for many years. Alex Mann, also, although a new golfer in Calcutta, will probably make his presence felt. The competition as usual will consist of two stages, *viz.*, a qualifying round of 36 holes on the first day, to be followed on the second day by match play amongst the first sixteen scorers. The interest of the match will thus be considerably increased by the large number of players selected for the final stages.

There will be a prize for the best scorer in the qualfying round and also for the best visitor's score, while the winner of the final round in the match play will hold the Championship Cup for one year, and a memento of the event. The runner up will also receive a Cup.

During the week the competition for the "Asian" Cup will take place at Barrackpore, and if possible a match between the Visitors and Calcutta will be arranged.

SOUTHERN INDIA MOTOR UNION.

Reliability Trials.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, DECEMBER 27.

The Southern Indian Motor Union Reliability Trials commenced to-day. The start for the first day's trials was from the Victoria Statue in Cubbon Park, the first run being to the Kolar Gold Field *via* Kolar Town, Bowringpet and back to Bangalore, the total distance for the car being 126 miles. There was a large crowd to witness the start, which commenced at 8/15 a. m., Class C. motor cycles, starting first with intervals of one minute. The cars were started with intervals of 3 minutes between the cars. The cycles remain at the Kolar Gold Field but the cars are expected to complete the return journey to Bangalore between 4 and 6 o'clock this evening. The following were the starters this morning:—

CLASSES A. AND B. MOTOR CARS.

H. C. Jeddie Fisher's 6 h. p. De Dion.
Mrs. Goodall's 8 h. p. De Dion.
Mr. F. C. Carr's 8 h. p. De Dion.
E. R. Jefferson's 8 h. p. Rover.
H. E. Ormerod's 10 hr p. I. C. G.
Simpson and Company's 12 h. p. Darracq.
T. C. O. Darrell's 16 h. p. Fiat.
E. E. Bryant's 6 h. p. De Dion.
Simpson and Company's 8 h. p. Darracq.
J. H. Blake's 9 h. p. Swift.
J. H. Barker's 10 h. p. Cadillac.
C. L. Hannay's 10 h. p. Humber.
G. V. Scovell's 20 h. p. Napier.
Lieut Owyer's 20 h. p. De Dion.
F. E. Stewart's 22 h. p. Brown.
H. H. the Maharaja of Vizianagram's 24 h. p Napier.
Capt. Walker's 25 h. p. Peugeot.

CLASS C. MOTOR CYCLES.

J. Chamber's 3 h. p. Moto Lacoche.
Narasingham's 2¼ h. p. Rover.
Barclay's 3 1/2 h. p. Minerva.
H. Henderson's 3½ h. p. Brown.
Riglod's 3½ h. p., F. N. A.
Talbot's 5 h. p. Roe.
Stewart's 5 h. p. Brown.

The start was made with a strong wind blowing and with prospects of rain.

Arrival of Cars.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, DECEMBER 27.

The Cars competing in the South Indian Motor Union Reliability Trials commenced to return from the Kolar Gold Fields after 4 this afternoon. The motorists experienced heavy and disagreeable rain after leaving Bangalore and most of the drivers and observers were wet through and through experiencing great discomfort from the cold. The journey of the cars to the Kolar Gold Field was without much incident, but the motor bicycles had some trouble. Mr. A. Chatterten's 3½ h. p. F. N. had a tyre burst 20 miles from Bangalore and had to return here in a Jutka. Talbot on 5 h. p. Roe, had a nasty spill about 15 miles from Kolar, but he picked himself up and resumed his journey without further trouble.

The cars started on their return journey to Bangalore at 1-30 p m after tiffin. The cars arrived at the local control in the following order and results:—

Capt. Walker's 25 h. p. Peugeot arrived at 4-5 p. m. reached the Gold Field at 11-30; restarted at 1-30; no marks lost on the entire journey.

Messrs. Simpson and Company's 12 h. p. Darracq arrived next at 5-10 p. m., no marks lost.

C. L. Hannay's 12 h. p. Humber arrived at 4-45 p. m. Lost one mark having stopped for lubrication.

Lieut. Owyer's 20 h. p. Napier arrived at 4-50 lost 8 marks for stopping to repair a snapped chain;

H. H. the Maharaja of Vizianagram's 24 h. p. Napier arrived at 5-10. Lost 8 marks owing to attention to slipping clutch.

E. E. Bryant's 6 h p. De Dion arrived at 5-10 p.m. No marks lost.

H. H. the Maharaja of Vizianagram's 16 h. p. Fiat arrived at 5-17 p m losing no marks.

Mr. G. V. Scovell's 20 h. p. De Dion arrived at 5-20 p m having lost 7 marks, having had to stop to repair a broken inlet valve.

Messrs. Simpson and Company's 8 h. p. Darracq arrived at 5-30 p.m., losing over 70 marks owing to petrol troubles.

Mr. F. E. Stewart's 22 h. p. Brown arrived at 5-45 losing no marks.

An accident occurred near Hoskote village on the return run to J. H. Barker's 10 h. p. Cadillac owing to the slippery state of roads. The car which was travelling a good pace skiddied and mounting the road bank, turning turtle into the field below. The owner who was driving, the observer, and Mr. P. Burton, passenger, escaped with slight injuries; but the Mahomedan assistant was severely injured and is not expected to live. The injured boy was brought in a following car and sent to hospital.

This accounts for 11 of 17 cars that started out this morning, others not having arrived up to 6-30 p. m.

The result of the hill climbing trial will not be known till to-morrow when the run to Madras commences.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Bombay "Government Gazette" Dec. 27.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr Harilal Lallubhai Thakar, Second Grade Deputy Asst Political Agent, Palanpur, is granted privilege leave for three months from the 4th Jan or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it,

Mr Nahanlal Himatram to act as Fifth Grade Deputy Asst Political Agent, Palanpur, during the absence on leave of Mr Harilal Lallubhai Thakar, or pending further orders.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The following promotions are made vice Mr. Vadilal Tarachand Parikh promoted to the First Class:—Mr Dattatraya Sadashiv Sapre to be Second Class, First Grade, Subordinate Judge, Mr Chimnaji Raghunath Karkare to be Second Class, Second Grade, Subordinate Judge and Mr Bhimrao Narsinh Hublikar to be Second Class, Third Grade, Subordinate Judge.

Mr Krishnaji Martand Panse, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Sholapur in the dist of Sholapur, is appointed, to be a Magte of the Second Class in that dist.

Mr Narayan Balkrishna Muzumdar, Second Class Subordinate Judge, Vengurla, is granted privilege leave for one month and fifteen days from the 7th Jan or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Mr Atmaram Ramchandra Gupte, B A, L L B, to act as Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge, and to do duty as Second Class Subordinate Judge, Vengurla, during the absence on leave of Mr. Narayan Balkrishna Muzumdar or pending further orders.

The following appointments are made during the absence on leave of Mr Govind Vasudev Kanitkar, or pending further orders:—Mr Ramchandra Baji Khangaonker, Acting Joint Subordinate Judge, Yeola, to do duty as Second Class Subordinate Judge, Yeola, vice Mr Govind Vasudev Kanitkar and Mr Vaman Narayen Vartak, B A L L B, to act as Second Class, Fourth Grade, Subordinate Judge, and to do duty as Joint Second Class Subordinate Judge, Yeola, vice Mr Ramchandra Baji Khangaonker.

The powers of a Magte of the First Class conferred on Mr Damodar Waman Bhat, Subordinate Judge, Tasgaon and Vita, Mr Vinayak Krishna Sovani, Subordinate Judge, Rahimatpur, Khatav and Dahivadi and Mr Shridhar Narayan Sathaye, Subordinate Judge, Wai.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr Jehangeer Dosabhoy Framji, Chief Colle of Customs and Colir of Salt Revenue in Sind, has been allowed an extension of furlough for three months.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr Bomanji Hormasji Pavri, L C E, Lecturer in Engineering, College of Science, Poona, is granted leave on medical certificate for three months with effect from the 19th Nov.

Mr Gopal Balkrishna Rishi, L C E, to act as Lecturer in Engineering, College of Science, Poona, during the absence on leave of Mr Bomanji Hormasji Pavri, L C E, or until further orders.

SALARIES OF RUBBER ESTATE MANAGERS

Comments of a Straits Paper.

There is one aspect of the rubber boom which seems to have escaped the notice of most of those who have made it a theme for comment; we refer to the position of those men who do the really hard work in connection with the industry—the manager of estates and their assistants. The managers who are in charge of the large rubber estates in this part of the world are nearly all men who have, until lately, been working with coffee, tea, and more particulary in the F. M. S.—tapioca and sugar. None of these have been very remunerative crops, and certainly sugar and tapioca cannot compare for a moment as an investment with rubber. So it was but natural while the planting industry was going through its period of depression that the managers and assistants should receive salaries which compared very unfavourably with those given to managers and assistants connected with the mining industry. The planter is nearly always a person of remarkable good-nature and cheerful temperament (the planting element is usually the backbone of the local turf), and in the bad times there was no complaining about salaries and bonuses. But now that the golden age has arrived when he hears his estate spoken of in such glowing language by the Chairman of his company; when enthusiastic share-holders talk of the property as "a little gold mine"; and the prospect for the future is generally voted exceptionally rosy, then the planter begins to think that he has a grievance; for the salaries attached to managerships have not risen by any means in the same ratio as the value of the business, for which the planter is responsible, has appreciated. The shareholders of England who sit at home at ease and pocket their dividends from their rubber investments as regularly as they are declared, little know and little reck of the troubles and anxieties of the men who have to work in the tropics early and late in order that the block, the crepe, and the biscuit may fetch a good price in the London market. But it is time that they began to realise something of what has to be done, that a change was made in the scale of salaries given to men connected with rubber planting, and that they were paid more in accordance with the magnitude of the interests entrusted to their charge.—*Penang Gazette.*

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, December 28.

The following is published for information:—

Government Resolution, General Department,

No. 7461 19th December 1906.

Appointment Volunteer Officers

Bombay Light Horse.

The Honourable Mr Henry Edward Elleston Procter to be Second Lieutenant with effect from the 30th November 1906 vice Second Lieutenant F A Reddie, transferred to the Supernumerary List.

T. W. CUFFE, Major,
Comdg. B. L. H.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury Calcutta 3rd December 1906.

The Weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury of Council Bills:—

Amount to be remitted during 1906-7 .....£17,8[illegible],000
Remitted from 1st April 1906 to 1st December 1906 By Council Bills .....£ 15,941,790
By Gold.....£ Nil
Balance to be remitted from 2nd December 1906 to 31st March 1907 .....£ 1,888,120

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. For the cure of debility, also liver and stomach complaints this inappreciable medicine is so well known in every part of the world, and the cures perfomed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. The beneficial effects of the Pills are so lasting that the whole system is renewed, the organs of digestion strengthened, and free respiration promoted. They expel from the secretive organs the morbid matter which produces inflammation, pain, fever, debility and physical decays thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the virulence of the most painful and devastating diseases.

BY THE WAY.

HOBBES AT A LONDON ELECTION.

HOBBES, whose death-day falls on December 4, has within living memory played an important part at a London election. When Sir William Molesworth who had collected the philosopher's works, stood for Southwark, an effective cry raised against him was: Will you vote for Molesworth, the editor of Atheist Hobbes? Charles II., who delighted in his smart sayings and cynical views of human society, compared Hobbes to a bear against whom the Church let loose her young dogs to give them exercise. But the author of the recily written Leviathan carried out his own principles by conforming to the Established Church, and even took the Sacrament, though he would not listen to sermons. He also boasted that during a long life of ninety-two years, chiefly passed as a protege of the Cavendishes at Chatsworth, he had "only been drunk a hundred times".

PURELY INSULAR.

The island of Eigg, in the Outer Hebrides, does not seem to have been among those recently put up to auction. Lying next to the extraordinarily fertile Rum, it presents the most striking contrast afforded by this archipelago to its smiling and fruitful neighbour. Lord Salisbury at one time provided facilities for yachting and picnicking friends on the shores of Rum. As for Eigg, he humorously used to remark that he reserved it for himself as a last refuge from the Bishops when their appropriation of his new umbrellas had driven him from the Athenæum Club.

SARK.

The sale of island properties is not, by the way, the novelty which it has been described. During the late sixties several of the smallest and almost unknown of the Channel islets came into the market. Amongst these was one less incensiderable, Sark. A bid was made for it by the then vicar of Eastover, Bridgwater—the Rev. J. C. Collins, a clergyman of hospitable tastes and literary sympathies which had already taken a generation earlier, a practical shape in a pressing invitation to the elder Tom Hood, who sang the "Song of a Shirt," to recruit his shattered health at a house then belonging to Mr. Collins in the picturesque and invigorating Quantock country.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS.

The University of Paris, to which Mr. Carnegie has just made a substantial money gift, owes its existence to the Scholastic movement of the thirteenth century in France. It was the lectures of one Abelard, a Logic pupil of William de Champeaux, who had made himself famous throughout Europe, which attracted crowds of hearers to Paris from all parts. The Chancellor of Notre Dame had at this time the right of granting licences to teach and the school which became attached to the Cathedral is thought to have been the nucleus round which the University grew up.

LORD TWEEDMOUTH'S HALF-CROWN.

One of the most prized possessions of Lord Tweedmouth is a half-crown. It is set in a frame, and underneath are the words "Honestly earned." It came into his possession, the *Reader* tells, before he succeeded to the title in 1894, and when he was still the Hon. Edward Marjoribanks and Liberal Whip in the House of Commons. A couple of American ladies met him one day in the Lobby and asked that they might be shown round. So Mr. Marjoribanks escorted them over the Houses and showed them the sights to be seen. They were so pleased with their guide that on parting the elder lady of the two took out her purse and presented him with her thanks and the half-crown which Lord Tweedmouth has so carefully kept.

AN OLD PROPHECY.

Our contemporary also points out that Scotsmen have annexed not only the Sees of Canterbury and York but the Premiership, the Woolsack, the Leadership of the Opposition, and the Viceroyalties of India and Ireland! There is an old prophecy, just four hundred years old, which says:

A Scot our King! The limping State
That day must need a crutch,
What next! In time a Scot will prate
As Primate of our Church.
When such shall be, why then you'll see
That day it will be found
The Saxon down through London Town
Shall burrow underground.

This has received remarkable fulfilment in the elevation of Dr. Davidson to the Primacy and the introduction of tube railways!

BOYS' STORIES—THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

Mr. G. Manville Fenn, who may now be regarded as the *doyen* of English writers for boys, has been telling the *Book Monthly* the secret of success with a boys' story: "The writer (says Mr. Fenn) must not patronise, he must not lecture and the must he dare do is to be—what shall we call it?—a little fatherly. What the boy wants is a yarn told to him on equal terms, not a lesson out of school. It follows, therefore, that anybody who wishes to write boys' stories should be in heart and outlook an old boy. That feeling will keep him right in telling his tales, and if it is absent he is likely to find himself out of sympathy with lads and—unread by them." Mr. Fenn is never so "foolish" as to put a love interest in his stories.

SIR E. J. REED'S CARDIFF ELECTION, 1886.

"How inscrutable is Fate, and how short the public memory!" writes "C. B. M." on the 30th ultimo in reference to the death of Sir E. J. Reed: "I was (he says) at Cardiff throughout the Parliamentary election of 1886, when Sir Edward Reed, who has just died, was the Liberal and the late Viscount Hampden (then the Hon. H. R. Brand), whose funeral took place only a few days ago, was the Unionist candidate. A very stormy contest resulted in the triumph of Sir Edward Reed. How strange it is that just twenty years afterwards the decease of both candidates should have occurred within so short a time of each other, Lord Hampden dying last week and being buried a week ago and Sir Edward Reed dying yesterday. Such coincidences—if they are nothing more—are calculated to make one think." "Sir Edward Reed and Lord Hampden were very different men, and especially so on the platform—Sir Edward boisterous and declamatory, Lord Hampden suave and placid."

A GREAT RIOT.

"I have not noticed in any of the obituary notices of the late Lord Hampden" ("C. B. M." goes on to say) "the slightest allusion to the riotous proceedings which took place at Cardiff after the declaration of the poll: "Party feeling ran tremendously high, and there was great exultation at the return of Sir Edward Reed. After the declaration of the poll an excited crowd of quite ten thousand people moved towards the offices of the Tory newspaper, many of them armed with brickbats stones, and sticks, with the freely expressed intention of wrecking the place. The borough police had been reinforced by a number of country constables in case of riotous proceedings. About 200 policemen, with drawn truncheons, charged the crowd, which fiercely resisted them. There were many broken heads and much other bloodshed, and many women and children in the crowd were injured by being trampled upon. So serious was the affair that the Home Office sent down the late Sir John (then Mr.) Bridge, one of the Bow-street magistrates, to hold an official inquiry, at which a large amount of evidence was taken on both sides, and which (if I remember rightly) practically ended in both police and people being found equally to blame. It was surprising when Lord Hampden died the other day that these occurrences had apparently been overlooked by the newspapers." "It is I hope, not amiss" (adds "C. B. M.") "that they should be recalled on the death of Sir Edward Reed."

THE MARRIED MAN'S LAMENT.

Life is not what it used to be,
I make the sad confession,
For all my friends will flock to me
To argue on the session.

I'm not a politician, still
I have to hear them quoting
A nine-tenths rise in Birrell's Bill,
Or a fall in Plural Voting.

Now Robinson's the best of men,
Save on occasions when your
Opinions clash with his, and then
You should hear him on Land Tenure.

Take Jones—my soul he comes and harrows
With tales of mutilation:
I suffer all the slings and arrows
Of Workmen's Compensation.

My better half and I now differ
On subjects of Reform;
The day's debates grow stiff and stiffer,
The argument more warm.

And when I meet the ma-in-law,
I fly white flags and pennants:
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GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

THE name of Julie Bonbon is suggestive of something no besides "little French milliners." It bears with it, at a time like the present, a decided flavour of the children's Christmas bazaar. Yet, albeit that Julie Bonbon, the heroine of Miss Clara Lipman's showy play, does not develop into a Marguerite Gautier or a Zaza, the atmosphere in which she moves is not a pretty one, and I do not think that the parent or guardian who took a child to the Waldorf in the expectation of seeing something with a kind old uncle and a Christmas-tree in it, would return home with a feeling that the entertainment had been happily hit upon. Not that the management of the Waldorf pretends to cater for children with this play. It only occurred to me that the family up from the country might in the ingenuous spirit of the lady who put her money on a certain horse "because it had such a pretty face," book seats for *Julie Bonbon* because it had such a nice Christmas-party title.

Ever since—and, I suppose long before that—Tennyson told us that kind hearts were more than coronets and simple faith than Norman blood, our novelists and our dramatists have taken a riotous delight in marrying the lower middleclass girl to the peerage, and then putting their fingers to their noses, in the most unfeeling fashion, at the peerage's proud mother for disapproving of the alliance. *Caste*, on the stage was a delightful comedy. But considered off the stage it is a frightful tragedy. Had the whole thing been a story of real life the greatest sympathy would have been shown the Marquise de St. Maur when her son, the Hon. George D'Alroy, married into a family where there was a pothouse loafer and a Polly Eccles, and an immediate prospect, as a husband for the latter, of "the man that smells of putty"—to wit, Sam Gerridge, the plumber. And who can say what would have been the final scenes of that social calamity, as such in reality it was, if the gentle Robertson, in a fifth act (I believe *Caste* was in four), had re-introduced us to the D'Alroy circle ten years after George's marriage with Esther?

Kind hearts may be more than coronets and simple faith than Norman blood, but it is not only the Norman blood that is thicker than water, and Esther would have been certain to insist upon Polly and Sam and old Eccles being present at her dinner parties and receptions. Here we have tragedy at once. Polly would have bounced herself on the settees like a comic acrobat on the spring mattress of a "horizontal bar act." Old Eccles would have drunk himself under the table and afterwards crawled into the drawing-room with a decanter of port in his hand. Sam Gerridge would have washed his hands (not before they wanted it) in his finger-bowl, and asked the Marquise for the soap. A marriage which means that the bride must part for ever from her relatives, or that the bridegroom must part for ever from his friends, cannot be considered an ideal union, except by the person withwhom optimism is a creed.

Julie Bonbon may be described, if such a description can pass for one, as what might have been the result if a Frenchman had written *Caste* as a book-story and an American had turned it into a play, under the supervision of the Licensing Committee of the London County Council. It has all the "naughty" intention of the French dramatist; it has all the dash and the clamour of the American drama; it has all, or a good deal, of the restrictiveness of the L.C.C. For it is kept before us all the time that although appearances may be against her (and they certainly are), Julie is chaste. Julie may take supper with an elderly *roue* and dance a none too modest dance on the table of a restaurant; but it is demanded of her, by the third imaginary collaborator, that she shall be chaste. This is because, despite the *Shapo*-like air of most of the scenes, there have to be wedding-bells at the end of the ply. The wealthy and high-born Mrs. Van Brunt (the Marquise de St. Maur—or less!) must be shown that kind "little French milliners" are more than dollars and abominable behaviour, than good breeding and high social ideals.

So the French-American-L.C.C. George D'Alroy and the Esther of Miss Clara Lipman's play are to be married. Dancing on restaurant tables is only her "little French milliner" way; and as to her alcoholic father Jean Napoleon Poujol (Eccles), who "makes a beast of himself," as the phrase goes, with the wines and cigars in the presence of the poor Mrs. Van Brunt, what does it matter where he goes or what becomes of him so long as the "happy pair" don't take him with them on their honeymoon? Is it not enough, in this particular order of drama, that the final curtain goes down upon the triumph of Love represented by Julie Bonbon, the table-dancer) over Dollars (represented by the objectionably decent Mrs. Van Brunt)? But then there is that unwritten act, the Final Act Number Two. The Waldorf curtain may be ever so thick; but behind it, like the shadows of a galanty show, we see, as the band plays us away from Miss Lipman's *denouement*, a picture of the Brunt household five years after the unfortunate marriage. Young John Van Brunt has had something to say to his wife about the companions she asks to the house when he is away on business. So Julie, to show what a fine spirit she has, is dancing madly among the dinner things on the table, while her fond parent, Poujol, is heroically rescuing from damage everything in the shape of alcoholic liquor! Miss Lipman is a fascinating Bonbon, and there is no doubt about her cleverness as an actress; and there is great merit in Mr. Louis Mann's portrait of Poujol.

The actor has his anxious moments on the stage at all times and at all theatres—at least, he is liable to have them; but at a "command performance" at the T. R. Windsor Castle, should anything occur on the stage calculated to cause even a second's uneasiness in the audience, his anxiety is naturally intensified to an enormous degree. It is not that he fears that any little mishap would incur the Royal displeasure. He knows by report, if not from actual experience, that their Majesties the King and Queen are the most indulgent and amiable "audience" on the face of the earth. But for all their Majesties' good nature, the actor cannot sufficiently benumb his sensibilities to render them dead to the influence of unusual pomp and cremony, or himself indifferent to the grandeur and the greatness of the occasion. In most plays there are passages that make special appeal to the gallery, and that means another cause for anxiety with the actor taking part in a command performance, for although there is no "playing to the gallery" at Windsor, the gallery lines and the gallery situations have to be dealt with all the same, and there is nothing so depressing to the player than the certain knowledge that a thing he is about to do or say is going to be received in silence.

Perhaps the most alarming thing that ever happened to an actor while performing before the King and Queen at their theatre in the Castle was the thing that happened to Sir Charles Wyndham towards the close of the second act of *David Garrick*. The occasion was the dramatic performance given at Windsor in honour of the visit of the King and Queen of Italy, a very special and magnificent affair, to which the greatest of the land had been invited and it makes Sir Charles tremble even to-day when he recalls the incident in question to mind and thinks over its awful possibilities. In the scene where Garrick joins the guests at Ingot's in a game of cards, Mr. Reginald Walter, in dealing, moved one of the candles so close to Sir Charles's sleeve that it caught the lace on his wrist on fire. In the excitement of acting before so mighty an assembly no one on the stage, not even David Garrick, had noticed the firing of the already sufficiently fiery hero, and it was not until the lace was fully ablaze, and a tall flame was nearly licking the famous comedian's wig, that Sir Charles became aware of a little accident which might have ended in most serious disaster. Crushing the fire out with his hand, Sir Charles Wyndham, with characteristic coolness, immediately introduced into the text of his part a chaffing admonition to Brown not to turn until his turn came.

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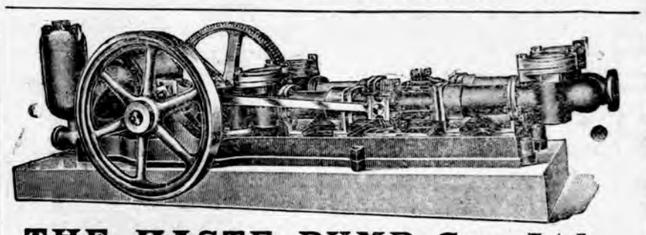

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